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NEW CARS REJECTED!

THE MG has always been one of Britain's most sought-after cars but some footballers don't even want them free!

Austin-Rover, manufacturers of the MG, are sponsoring Aston Villa this year to the tune of \$250,000.

They sent 22 MG Maestros to Villa Park for the players, but three players

said: "No thanks".

Embarrassed team manager Tony Barton said: "It would have been ideal if all players had accepted a Maestro — but the three concerned do not find the car suitable for family needs."

ROTHMANS SA SOCCER TELECAST IS BANNED

SOUTH AUSTRALIA is the first State to be hit by the new laws governing tobacco advertising on television.

The telecast of the Rothmans Medal count for the best and fairest player in the Rothmans League First Division has been cancelled.

Channel 9 had agreed, as usual, to screen the closing stages of the count, and the presentation, on Friday night, September 9.

The station's general manager, Mr Tyrrell Tal-

bot, said the decision to pull out of the telecast

BY TOM McKAIN

was taken after legal advice.

"Our policy is based on regulations that relate to tobacco and tobacco product advertising as set out by the Television Broadcasting Tribunal," he said.

S.A. Federation presi-

dent, George Joseph, said he did not blame the TV channel.

"It has an obligation to its shareholders and its licence could be at stake," he said.

"However, the impact of this decision on sport could be horrific."

"Any sport which has a tobacco company as a sponsor must fight to protect its interests."



Sydney City's John Kosmina tries to get away, but the long leg of Leichhardt's Arno Bertogna doesn't help Kossie much.

Kistemaker announced late last week that he was quitting Lions at the end of this season to return to Europe and take up an offer with Belgian second division club, Turnhout.

And he said after Sunday's 0-0 draw with Brisbane City, Docherty was the right coach to take over the young Lions.

"His teams play attacking Soccer. He is prepared to take risks. This is a good young Lions team and will be for the next two to three years.

"With someone like Docherty, I think it could go somewhere," Kistemaker said.

Kistemaker, a former Dutch first division coach, said he would like to have stayed with Lions but he felt his own standards would suffer if he was involved with Australian Soccer too long.

BY
GREG RUSSELL

week but decided not to replace him until the end of the season.

Who will replace Kistemaker is now one of the most intriguing questions in Queensland Soccer.

Former Lions captain, Col Bennett, has made it known he wants the job and last year's coach, Joe

Gilroy, has been seen regularly around the club.

Lions also have a top coach in Iain Kesson, a former Brisbane City NSL coach, in charge of the Premier League team.

But the suggestion of hiring Tommy Docherty has given things a whole new twist.

EDITORIAL

THE bottom has dropped out of the import market — and that's the best thing that has happened to Australian Soccer in the past 100 years.

Who are the 1983 heroes of the National Soccer League and the Australian national squad? With a very few exceptions, they are all genuine Aussie players.

Not all were actually born in this country — some arrived as babes or slightly older. But the group of players we are concerned with certainly learned all about Soccer right here . . . not in Manchester or Split or Glasgow or Athens.

Had anyone forecast a decade ago that a team like Leichhardt would field 10 local players in their first grade side, he would have been certified as crazy.

Leichhardt, then known as Apia, sent all over the world, in particular to England and Scotland, to recruit players for their first team.

Now the message has sunk in. The "has-beens" from foreign clubs, mainly players put on the scrap heap with free transfers, are no better than the home-grown Australians. Indeed they are inferior.

In those unenlightened days, boys like Rod Brown, Tom McCulloch, Paul Kay, Steve Glockner, Russell Stewart, Robbie Slater, David Lowe, Ian Gray, David Mitchell, Peter Raskopoulos, David Skeen, and a host of others, would have had to make do with reserve team football.

We do not suggest that coaches were unaware of the ability of local youngsters 10 or 15 years ago. But there simply wasn't room for the kids in first grade — far too many precious places having been filled by free-transfer imports. Several talented locals in the excellent Western Suburbs (Sydney) team discovered this when coach Mike Laing flooded Wests with players from Britain.

And when Australia took on the rest of the world for the 1966, 1970, 1974 and 1978 World Cup competitions, the MAJORITY of so-called Australians, were, in fact, foreigners.

In fact, during eliminations for the 1970 Cup, Australia was very nearly eliminated, following a protest from Korea, because too many Socceroo players travelled on British passports!

If national coach Les Scheinflug had to select a team now to go into the World Cup eliminations, we feel sure he would put the genuine Aussies at the top of his list.

Scheinflug would go for names like Greedy, Davidson, Katholos, Kosmina, Mitchell, McCulloch, Crino, Brown, Kay and Tredinnick.

As far as the imports are concerned, he might find places for the considerable talents of a Phil O'Connor, David Ratcliffe or Joe Watson.

There are still a few lazy clubs, of course, who "build" their teams from those depressingly lengthy free transfer lists which are issued by the English Professional Footballers Association.

Such clubs do Australian Soccer a disservice.

It is not feasible for the Australian Soccer Federation to impose a complete ban on imported players. Not in a migrant country.

But the ASF certainly can make it very difficult for Australian clubs to fill their ranks with foreigners.

There are, perhaps, 200,000 young Soccer players in Australia. Isn't that enough? Why shop overseas?

HEIDELBERG WANT MORTON

KEN MORTON need not worry about his job. That assurance comes from Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos, who was commenting on recent rumours surrounding the club coach, writes CON NIKOLOPOULOS.

These rumours suggested that, following a committee resolution, Morton was going to be released from his contract.

"I often wonder when people in the street will stop making decisions on our behalf," said Goulopoulos.

"Yes, we are concerned with the performance of the team, but we have never considered Ken's position.

"We at Heidelberg believe that Morton is not the only individual responsible for the current performances of the team. We are not prepared to make our coach the scapegoat."

Goulopoulos indicated



Sam Goulopoulos

the remedies available to his coach are very few, because of the limited

number of players for selection.

"We agreed at the beginning of the season not to invest big money on ready-made players. We went to the market for our immediate needs only. It seems that the policy of achieving a lot with very little has not worked: some key players were either out injured for long periods or failed to perform according to our expectations or needs," he said.

Ken Morton agrees with his president that some key players have not contributed.

"I don't want to be critical of my players now that the chips are down, but I cannot hide the fact that some of them have not given the service we expected," Morton said.

Have Heidelberg players become complacent?

"Call it what you like. The fact remains that we have dropped too many points to teams we should have beaten fairly and squarely," he added.

Can Heidelberg recover?

"Of course we can. Our recent bad performances have not affected morale. The boys are confident we can recover and I have faith in them. I think it is a matter of stringing together a couple of wins and we'll be back on the road to recovery."

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

ST. GEORGE 1 (Petkovski) SYDNEY OLYMPIC

0. At ST. George Stadium. Crowd: 6,283.
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Mullen, Villani), WEST ADELAIDE 0. At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,800.

NEWCASTLE 5 (Mountford 2, Mason 2, Jones, CANBERRA 0. At Adamstown. Crowd: 2,231.
LEICHHARDT 0, SYDNEY CITY 0. At Lambert Park. Crowd: 4,186.

BRISBANE CITY 0, BRISBANE LIONS 0. At Spencer Park: 3,500.

STH MELBOURNE 4 (Brown 2, Petrovski o.g., Jones o.g.) PRESTON 0. At Connor Reserve. Crowd: 6,000.

HEIDELBERG 0, FOOTSKRAY 0. At Olympic Village. Crowd: 3,000.

WOLLONGONG 1 (Dickson), MARCONI 1. At Ziems Park. Crowd: 1,471.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME				AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt
1. PRESTON.....	21	11	7	3	34-20	40	8	2	1	22-11	26	3	5	2	12-9	14
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	21	11	6	4	30-22	39	8	3	0	19-5	27	3	3	4	11-17	12
3. NEWCASTLE.....	21	11	3	7	36-18	36	6	3	3	18-7	21	5	0	4	18-11	15
4. SAINT GEORGE.....	21	8	8	5	23-19	32	5	4	1	12-7	19	3	4	4	11-12	13
5. STH MELBOURNE.....	21	9	5	7	30-28	32	4	3	4	14-14	15	5	2	3	16-14	17
6. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	21	9	4	8	30-21	31	4	2	3	15-8	14	4	2	5	15-13	17
7. LEICHHARDT.....	21	9	3	9	33-26	30	7	2	2	22-9	23	2	1	7	11-17	7
8. MARCONI.....	21	8	6	7	34-29	30	5	2	3	19-15	17	3	4	4	15-14	13
9. BRISBANE CITY.....	21	7	8	6	25-32	29	4	5	2	17-15	17	3	3	4	8-17	12
10. CANBERRA CITY.....	21	8	4	9	35-35	28	6	3	1	23-10	21	2	1	8	12-25	7
11. ADELAIDE CITY.....	22	7	4	11	25-27	25	4	2	4	12-11	14	3	2	7	13-16	11
12. FOOTSKRAY.....	21	6	7	8	17-32	25	4	3	3	11-17	15	2	4	5	6-15	10
13. HEIDELBERG.....	21	5	8	8	20-26	23	5	2	3	13-7	17	0	6	5	7-19	6
14. WEST ADELAIDE.....	21	5	8	8	17-26	23	4	4	4	13-15	16	1	4	4	4-11	7
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	21	5	4	12	26-42	19	5	0	5	18-16	15	0	4	7	8-26	4
16. WOLLONGONG.....	22	2	11	9	29-41	17	0	8	3	13-16	8	2	3	6	16-25	9

WILL MITCH MAKE IT?



AUSSIE DAVID Mitchell, on trial in Glasgow with Rangers, pictured in the Ibrox Park trophy room. Mitchell has to compete with nine other strikers for a first team spot with Rangers.



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NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	11
J. Bradley (L)	10
C. Lucchesi (P)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
J. Kosmina (S.C.)	9
P. O'Connor (W)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
D. Brown (S.M.)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	7
R. Cotton (W)	7
C. Egan (S.M.)	7
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	6
G. Gomez (S.C.)	6
P. Katholos (S.O.)	6
D. Lowe (N)	6
J. Mullen (A.C.)	6
J. Paton (F)	6

OZ SOCCER 'INFERIOR' SAYS SHARNE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOCEROO Peter Sharne has come home to a world somewhat inferior to the one he left two years ago.

"The standard of the game has deteriorated in the years I've been away," Sharne told me after Leichhardt's 1-0 defeat by South Melbourne.

"Most teams fail to attract crowds because the quality of the spectacle they offer is very poor. I was mostly disappointed with the poor attendances in some National League games," continued Sharne.

Lack of talented players is, according to Sharne, the cause of the decline.

"You don't have to search for the cause," he stressed.

"From what I have seen so far, National League clubs have failed to recruit top players the public can identify with. It is no wonder many face survival problems."

"We know Australian

clubs rely heavily on gate receipts. The constant diminishing of attendances, therefore, reduces their income to the extent they cannot meet running costs."

In spite of his grim diagnosis, Sharne is preparing to resume his Soccer career in Australia.

"I don't want to go back to Hong Kong if I can help it," said Sharne.

"My contract has expired and I will continue guest appearances with Leichhardt until the end of the season. I want to



SHARNE: the level of Soccer has deteriorated in the years I have been away.

stay in Australia and I will be considering offers from any club."

Will Leichhardt take precedence over any other club?

"Well, so far Leichhardt have treated me exceptionally well. If they make an offer at the end of the season I will consider it very seriously. At this stage Leichhardt would be my first choice."

Sharne believes his return to Australia will enhance his chances for national selection.

"I have always made myself available for selection," he said.

"The national team is one of my priorities and if the opportunity arises, I will endeavour to make the best of it."

Sharne explains that Hong Kong Soccer followers are no different to spectators in any part of the world.

"If you perform to their satisfaction, you are the hero. If you fail, irrespective of the reasons, you are dumped."

Sharne is reluctant to make predictions about the championship.

"At the moment it is a very close race, with Sydney City chasing Preston's tail. I have not seen too many games to be able to judge the potential of the two protagonists. The championship is a test of endurance and the team that possesses both physical and psychological strength will win the title."

MARCONI GO FOR GOALS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI will take the initiative against the visitors, Kenny Kaiser's Newcastle KB next Sunday, by opening up with fast attacking Soccer.

The Marconi boss, Doug Collins, last night said he was most surprised by Newcastle's crushing victory last Sunday against Canberra, when they bent the Arrows to the tune of 5-0.

"They're running hot so we have to take the match to them," Collins said.

But Marconi should not be surprised because Newcastle has the best scoring and defensive record in the National Soccer League.

Kaiser's KB side have hit the target 36 times and they have conceded only 18 goals in 21 matches.

But Kaiser was cautious when I spoke to him: "We have two of our players in doubt after both suffered injuries against Canberra last Sunday.

"Right-back Ralph Maier and David Lowe both injured an ankle and at this stage are in doubt for the Marconi match."

However, should Kaiser lose Lowe for Sunday, he would possibly whip talented ex-Sydney City winger, Grant Lee, into the side.

Lee has been an enormous inspiration since transferring to Newcastle. For the right-back spot, Kaiser would automatically slot in Mike Boogard.

"I'm reluctant to make any changes to my team but Ricky Budini will come in as the second centre-back for Sunday," said Kaiser.

Centre-back, Steve Calderan, will miss this match as he was booked last Sunday against Wollongong, and has finally amassed 12 penalty points.

A feature of the match will be Marconi's electrifying flanker, Rene Licata.

Over recent months, Licata has developed into an outstanding player, firing magnificent, deadly crosses that have proved to be great match-winners.

In fact Licata today would be one of Australia's top three "crossers," with Sydney City's Joe Watson and West Adelaide's Graham Heys.

GOOD OR BAD DEADLINE NEARS

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY fans will get the good or bad news on Friday night at a special general meeting.

It has been called by new president Cavalier Joe Linarello, who has been cagey about any announcements.

"We will be discussing the 1984 season," he said.

According to a circular letter sent to members, the agenda will include:

- A report from the president on the current status of the club in relation to sporting and social activities.
- An updated financial statement.
- Proposed plans of action.
- A question and answer session on all aspects of the club's operations.

It is also expected that members will be asked to support a move to drop the name Adelaide City, and return to the old Juventus tag.

"We are being urged to buy new players for next year, but wanting to do something and being able to afford it are two different things."

City is still paying for its clubrooms complex at Olympic Sports Field and players took a cut in wages at the start of the season.

Cash to buy players was cut to a minimum.

"Looking at the long term, we are solvent," said Cav. Linarello.

"But we must take a look at ourselves in relation to interstate clubs."

It is presumed he was referring to the huge budgets allowed by Melbourne clubs, in particular, for team building and player payments.

City will be in the same regional group as the Victorians in the proposed 24 team NSL next season, and some of the Mel-

Q'LAND NO TO NSL BID

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE OLYMPIC, one of the few Queensland teams seen as National League contenders, have officially announced they won't be applying for the 1984 national competition.

And Ipswich United, probably the only other team in the State which could make a successful submission, also has indicated it will be staying in the Queensland competition for at least another year.

Despite intense lobbying from several quarters, particularly from local NSL club officials, Olympic resisted the temptation to continue what has been a meteoric rise.

Three years ago, the Greek-backed club was relegated from the old Brisbane first division. Rather than go back into the second division, the club applied, and was accepted into, the State League — at that stage in its death throws.

But after a lengthy meeting at which club officials weighed the alter-

natives, the club decided to consolidate its position in State Soccer before considering the National League.

Olympic have plans for a new ground and are building their fast-growing junior ranks. Polichronis predicted it could be two years before Olympic applies for admission to the NSL.

It could be even longer for Ipswich United.

"We don't have the finance or administrative structure within the club to handle the step up to the NSL," a club official said.

While that may please QSF president Ald. Ian Brusasco it is possibly a sad indictment on how Queensland Soccer is behind the southern capitals.

Marconi Vs Newcastle KB

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

AT THE

MARCONI STADIUM



DOUG COLLINS Coach



Ricky Budini

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YOUTH LEAGUE

MARCONI V NEWCASTLE

1PM



KENNY KAISER Coach



JOE SENKALSKI

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ROUND UP



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LOUTS RUIN MATCH

BY TOM ANDERSON.

THE complete afternoon at Lambert Park where Leichhardt and Sydney City played a scoreless draw was ruined by the disgusting performance of half a dozen "Bovver Boys" intent on causing trouble.

These louts, supporters of Sydney City, and including a few skinheads with Union Jacks emblazoned across their shirts incited around 200 Leichhardt supporters into a near riot with their abusive language and taunts of "wogs."

In what can only be described as an incredible action, they were fired up by a present of cans of beer from a Sydney City official just before the scene took place.

The taunts and abuse of these so-called Soccer supporters incited the Lambert Park crowd into retaliatory action which could have ended in serious injury for the Bovver Boys.

They had to be rushed into the Slickers dressing room or they might have been lynched. They also needed a police escort to get them away from the ground.

It was an unsavoury scene and one that surely must be answered to by the Slickers officials.

To give this lot beer after a game in such a situation is like giving rocket fuel to a missile about to be launched.

The Leichhardt club is completely blameless in this incident and only their quick action saved what could have become very serious.

This was racism in Soccer.

It was also a touch of



the British Soccer scene we could well do without.

The match itself was a hard bruising affair.

It was not helped by a display of refereeing that, in my opinion, left much to be desired.

Referee Gary Power seemed "whistle happy" and at times the spectators could have been forgiven if they had mistaken Lambert Park for Central Station

This resulted in too many stops and starts and the play was never allowed to flow freely.

Leichhardt had the majority of possession and territorial advantage but found the Slickers defence a tough and uncom-

promising unit.

The end result was fair to both teams and both coaches were quite satisfied with the outcome.

LEICHARDT

Parkes; Carter, Bertogna Mariani, Brown; Butler Gray, Tredinnick; Bradley, Morsello, Sharpe (Valeri 80).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant, O'Connor Robertson, Souness Gomez, Borges (De Marigny 36), Barnes; Watson Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

CROWD: 4,196.

he was in a wrestling match with Dickson after the Wollongong striker had broken clear of the defence.

The match was entertaining despite the fact there were few clear-cut scoring chances but City generally showed a lot more determination than in earlier home games.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardereff: Willis, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Fleming, Kerr, Dummett (Gaffney 73), Ainsworth, Cotton, Dickson, O'Connor.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Carbone, Sermann, Brown, Djordjevic, Licata.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc

CROWD: 1,471.

But poor finishing at the more crucial stages of the game denied them goals.

Heidelberg can claim ill treatment by the luck as Selemidis and John Spanos hit the crossbar on separate occasions when it looked as though Footscray keeper, Dennis Boland, was soundly beaten.

Selemidis headed against the bar in the 65th minute from a Campbell cross and Spanos repeated the action in the 79th minute with a shot.

Heidelberg spearhead, Gary Cole, received treatment on the sideline in the 82nd minute for an injury he sustained from a fierce clash with an opponent. The power-tower, however, stood on his feet after two minutes and created a scoring chance two minutes before full-time which could have wrapped the game in favour of Heidelberg.

Both coaches admitted after the game that it was a pretty tight encounter which did not produce many thrills for the spectators but the draw was a fair reward for both sides.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Kardamitsis: McKie Tansey, Yankos, McLeod, Patterson (Selemidis 59), Cole, Lea, Petersen, Campbell, Spanos.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland: McDowell, Kyriakouleas, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Purdie, Curovic.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

CROWD: 3,000.

PRESTON TROUNCED

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE rose to greatness with a scintillating 4-0 win over NSL leaders Preston.

In an exhibition of attacking Soccer, Souths flattened the opposition and placed a question mark over Preston's chances for the 1983 title.

South Melbourne continue their climb to the top under Len McKendry and staged what he labelled, "their best performance in the League so far."

Unimpeded by the strong wind in the opening half, Souths quickly established territorial dominance and pressurised Preston throughout the match.

Their desire to score grew greater by the minute and although Preston had many players back in defence, their former forward ace Doug Brown engineered the move which resulted in South's first goal after 18 minutes.

Brown took possession in the midfield and cut the ball to his left for incoming Kenny Murphy, who sent Wooddin through and the Kiwi international slammed the ball into the net with a powerful ground shot.

Wooddin left the field two minutes later with a suspected fractured leg, to be replaced by veteran Branko Buljevic.

Wooddin's departure unsettled Souths for a short period but the second goal in the 31st minute helped them regain their composure and maintain their grip on the game.

Brown brought the crowd to their toes with the second goal when he connected with a Buljevic through ball, by-passing Todorovski and placed the ball in the net.

Preston's only clear-cut scoring chance came two minutes before half-time when Odzakov headed the ball from a Lucchesi cross but Bobby Russell cleared the danger off his line.

A minute later, John Yzendoorn cleared off the line another header... this time by Claude Lucchesi.

Souths continued their dominance in the second half and pressed for a third goal. Unfortunately for Preston their centre-back David Jones netted for the opposition in his attempt to clear a Murphy cross. The giant midfielder turned the ball past Wilson, shattering the very little confidence of his team.

Desperate Peter Ollerton brought Ilioski into the game and assigned him midfield duties in an attempt to upset South's rhythm. The move however didn't pay dividends as Ilioski was quickly shut down by South's starring midfielder, Carl Halford.

Preston were reduced to 10 men in the 67th minute when referee Danny Voutsinas gave Preston forward George McMillan marching orders.

With tempers out of control, players exchanged some perfect punches in different areas of the park, forcing referee Voutsinas to issue strict instructions.

Halford appeared to have suffered most from the wild tackles as he displayed a badly cut left leg, a legacy of a tackle along the touchline.

Doug Brown completed the scoring in the 69th minute when he outplayed Jones and placed the ball in the net from close-range.

PRESTON: Wilson: Opasinas, Petrovski, Todorovski, Flavell, Jones, Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakov, Farrell (Ilioski 54).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets: Davidson, Russell, Yzendoorn, Xanthopoulos, Halford, Crino, Wooddin (Buljevic 20), Murphy, Brown, Egan.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.

CROWD: 6,000.

KEN MORTON SHUFFLES THE PACK

BY HARRY HALL

HEIDELBERG UNITED came within centimetres of winning their close encounter against Footscray, but had to be content with one point from the 0-0 draw.

The point earned put an end to Heidelberg's misery resulting from three successive defeats.

Following Heidelberg's defeat by Sydney Olympic, coach Ken Morton decided to reshuffle his team hoping to recover some of the lost points and decrease the pressure upon him and his committee.

He dropped goalkeeper, Jeff Olver, and relegated to the bench midfielder, Theo Selemidis.

Young goalkeeper, Spiro Kardamitsis, made his debut and forward, Scott Patterson regained his spot in Heidelberg's forward line.

These changes however failed to produce any results since the forwards continued their display of bad finishing.

Footscray were also at their worst as they failed to create any scoring opportunities in the opening half during which they dominated.

Jamie Paton had the only chance in the 17th minute but Kardamitsis foiled the move with a brave dive at Paton's feet.

Heidelberg swung the pendulum in their favour in the second half as they became more adventurous through some effective attacking work.

ROUND UP



Two heads are better — Graham Jennings and Chris Kalantzis

PETKOVSKI GOAL SHAKES OLYMPIC

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A snappy goal taken with all the confidence in the world by Peter Petkovski lifted St George into the fourth position vacated by rivals Sydney Olympic.

In a rip-roaring encounter before a 6,283 crowd at St George Stadium, the Saints edged in 1-0 after Olympic had been marginally off target with slightly the better of the early chances.

On the day nothing could be subtracted from the performances of this year's crop of teenagers in either team.

Petkovski, after appearing for the successful Kogarah High School in the midweek Commonwealth Bank Cup final, grasped his chance to score the winner.

Geoff Biscaya, voted Australia's Under 16 Player of the Year in 1982, challenged well and won most of the high balls against Olympic's accomplished Steve Paterson.

After the game, Frank Arok expressed the opinion that Biscaya is destined to become Australia's next national team centre-back. Few would doubt him on the day's showing.

For Olympic, Chris Kalatzis' clever left-side work and super-crisp passes assisted his team considerably.

Apart from the near misses and a few other nuts and bolts problems, Tommy Docherty was dismayed at the damage done to Olympic's cause by the absence of Marshall Soper.

He should not have had so many caution points. It was his fault alone and the boys over there have to suffer

for it,' Docherty said, pointing to a group of players under the shower.

In this game the man who was jolted by the run of events into turning on his best outfield work was veteran Dez Marton. He wheeled hither and thither to often mesmerise the Olympic defence.

In the 36th minute, well before Petkovski scored 14 minutes into the second half, Marton opened up Olympic's defence completely by cutting inside two defenders. His searing shot shaved the wrong side of the left-hand post.

It was Gary Phillips who set up some good moves. He had the pressure on the Saints with a series of long throws that would have been a credit to ex-Socceroo Ray Richards in his heyday.

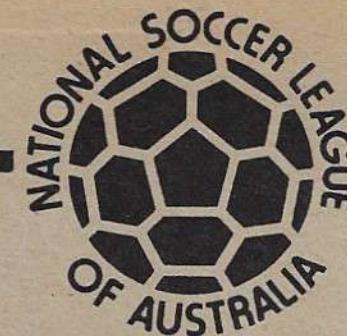
Petkovski's goal was conjured up from a smart cross from Robbie Slater. Petkovski speared the ball ahead with his chest as he dashed through to net with a low shot that left Meier standing.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Biscaya, Barton, Slater, Petkovski, Wilkinson, J.O'Shea, Marton.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Coady, Jennings, Rogers, Herbert, Dakos, Phillips, Patikas, Paterson, Katholos, Kalatzis.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic.

CROWD: 6,283.



FIVE GOALS RIOT

BY MYLES HAY

CONCEDING five goals provided a nightmarish afternoon for Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski when Newcastle KB United ran riot with a devastating 5-0 win.

Hoszowski has few happy memories at Newcastle having been the fall-guy when the Arrows were thrashed 4-0 in the Prime Minister's Cup earlier in the season.

There were tears of joy all round in the Newcastle camp with Joe Senkalski and skipper Craig Mason celebrating their birthdays within a couple of days of each other.

Both played important parts in Newcastle's biggest win of the year, Mason in a hard grafting role from midfield which earned him two fine goals, coupled with the elegance and intuitive powers of Senkalski.

A 2-0 lead at half-time clearly emphasised that the goal famine at Newcastle had been averted and within minutes of the restart of the second half it was evident that the inexperienced Canberra defence was to be sorely tested.

Just before half-time, Mason had scored one of the most remarkable goals seen at Newcastle this season.

Sheer football magic from Senkalski troubled the Canberra defence and when the ball was only partially cleared the hard-working Newcastle captain gathered and from 35 metres drove a fierce angled shot which barely left the turf as it scorched into the net.

The situation didn't become as heated as in the first round when City's Jim Hermiston threw a bucket of water over Lions' Simon Kistemaker,

ROUND UP

RELEGATION IS FADING

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY scooped up three points with two second half goals in a 2-0 S.A. derby win over West Adelaide at Olympic Sports Field, and with another home game coming up this weekend against South Melbourne, may be on the way out of the relegation zone.

But coach Bobby Ferguson is not getting carried away with his team's performance against an understrength West Adelaide.

However, he was pleased with the way his men went about their task, particularly in the second half.

Striker Joe Mullen, got the first goal when he took a Sergio Melta throw-in and hooked it over goalkeeper Gary Sproul in the 60th minute.

Then it was Charlie Villani, who had started as a central striker but finished in his original right wing position, who got the clincher.

Ironically it was from the central striking berth when he turned on a ball to hammer it low into the net from a Melta cross in the 85th minute.

Sproul, who emerged as West's best player in goal, had earlier blocked a Mullen shot and sweeper, Bill Amy, cleared the ball off the line during a City pressure period.

In a desperate effort to save the situation, West's coach, Alan Vest, sent his giant centre-back, Robbie

In a tough first half, Australian World Youth Cup representatives, David Lowe and Ralph Maier, both suffered leg injuries.

Canberra looked a disjointed bunch and it was difficult to assess how goals have flowed freely for the Arrows this season.

Late in the game, Jones

Dunn up into the central target man position but it made no difference.

He had also sent on Ian McGregor as a midfielder with 20 minutes to go although he had played a full State League match the day before for the reserves.

McGregor replaced Steve Atsalas who went to the right wing with George Calandaris coming off.

Wests was again minus midfielder, Mickey Brennan, who is out for three weeks serving a suspension imposed by the club for disciplinary reasons; his destroying power and drive were sadly missed.

Graham Honeyman took the central striking role now vacant with the club deciding to send visa-player, Paul Wormley, back to England.

Only City star missing was full back and captain, Bugsy Nys Kohus, who pulled out with a thigh muscle injury.

He will return against Souths but midfielder Les Carter will be missing having topped the 12 penalty points mark.

Referee Don Campbell did not spare the yellow card in the first half, booking Wests' Amy, Atsalas and Tim Brown for tackles, and City's Neil Banfield and Carter for the same reason.

He also carded Neville Flounders in the second half for "mouthing off" even after City had been given a free-kick.

As a spectacle, the first half produced tense derby Soccer, but the second came alive as City stormed forward and Wests attempted to strike back.

If City can beat Souths they will have convinced their fans, and coach Ferguson that they are at last on the way back.

For the unhappy West, it was another disaster day, particularly as this time in 1978 they were celebrating the PSL title after a 1-1 draw with City at Hindmarsh Stadium.

A D E L A I D E CITY: McNally: Dods, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Mullen, Villani, Rankin, Cole.

W E S T A D E L A I D E : Sproul: Papazoglou, Amy, Hiern, Dunn, Doorne, Heys, Atsalas, Brown, Honeyman, Calandaris (McGregor 78).

REFEREE: D. CAMPBELL.

CROWD: 2,153.

nick, Mason, Senkalski, Kerby, Lowe, Mountford, Jones.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Young, Walsh, Ambrosino, Murray, Gibson, Stone, Bryant, Redmond, Farina, McLaren.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 2,241.

himself face to face with Lions keeper Brett Beves, the former St George youngster signed by Lions this season.

Beves was replacing Nigel Lowndes, who had a broken finger.

Hamilton must not have believed his luck, but with the simple task of putting the ball into the net, he steered it wide.

CITY: Wishart, Caird, Perry, Liddell, Wilkinson, Fabrizio, Pimblett, Hamilton, Williamson, Falcozn Glockner (Bromfield 70).

L I O N S : Beves, McSkimming, Vasquez, Vincent, Niven, Hogg, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, Daunt, Wright, McDonagh (Ogden 59).

REFEREE: Dave Nugent.

CROWD: About 2,000.

BRISBANE'S BIG BATTLE

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE scores may have finished level, but both coaches went for points in the dressing rooms after the 0-0 derby between Brisbane City and Lions at Spencer Park.

but what was probably because neither heard the others remarks!

"They played like cowards. They don't deserve to be where they are on the table," said Kistemaker.

cal derby and Brisbane referee Dave Nugent handed out seven yellow cards. Lions were awarded five and City two.

The most costly booking though, is likely to be that of Russell Stewart. On nine points before this game, he now looks set to miss Lions' match against Leichhardt at Richlands this weekend.

Hermiston would not be drawn on the bet but returned Kistemaker's fire and predicted that like Lions, Kistemaker's Belgian team next year would finish at the bottom of the table. (Kistemaker announced last week he was leaving Lions in October to take up a position in Belgium).

"They don't know how to play football," said Hermiston.

The match was a typi-

AN INEVITABLE DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COACH

OFF WITH HIS HEAD!

BY TOM ANDERSON

THIS IS the time of year when we think of the well-worn adage of NSL coaches. There are only two things certain in their lives — the first that one day they will die and the other that they will be sacked.

Not for one minute, however, am I suggesting that any of these brave gentlemen is about to expire — God forbid.

However by all accounts, some of them are a bit shaky on the second count.

It is a proven fact that some Australian Soccer clubs change coaches with about the same regularity as housewives change bedclothes.

It's a profession about as shaky as being a Liberal cabinet minister in Queensland.

What's even more sickening is that the situation will continue as long as the club set-up remains as it is.

Change could come about if the clubs became limited companies with a board of directors under the leadership of a chairman.

The present committees leave much to be desired with amateur committeemen too accessible and too gullible when accosted by players.

How many times have we seen a coach axed because players have gone behind his back and "convinced" club committeemen that his methods are wrong?

It happens here — not only at club level, but also at national level... as was experienced by Rudi Gutendorf in 1981.

The situation is perfect for "Player Power" to raise its ugly head. It is at times readily exploited by some unscrupulous players — usually of the veteran variety.

Luckily these players are in the minority and are quickly weeded out by professional coaches.

This article is all about "professional coaches" — the sweat merchants in charge of our top clubs.

They are a completely different species from the various academics and directors of coaching who theorise and spout words at random, but are not put to the supreme test on the battlefield in this country's top Soccer competition.

These fellows, a breed of their own, seem to have their own little club with results, most of the time, a well kept secret from the public.

Without any doubt, the most experienced manager-coach in Australian Soccer at present is Sydney Olympic's Tommy Docherty.

Just to refresh your memory, The Doc began his career at Celtic then played for Preston North End, Arsenal and Chelsea.

He was capped 25 times for Scotland. He became the youngest manager in English football when he took over Chelsea then managed Rotherham United, Queens Park Rangers (twice), Aston Villa, Oporto (Portugal), Hull, Scotland, Manchester United, Derby County, Preston North End, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne.

He's forgotten more about the game than many of the people calling the shots here will ever learn.

Yet, never at any time, has his advice been sought by the powers-to-be, on national team matters or important policy decisions regarding the future or advancement of the code.

It's absolutely crazy, a ludicrous situation that could only happen here.



Tommy Docherty

enormous with much mental and physical pressure brought to bear," said the Doc.

"The seasons get longer and with the coming of superstars who sometimes act like spoiled kids, it calls for extra patience, diplomacy and understanding.

"In my opinion, the term coaching is often a much misused and misunderstood word.

"Coaching is teaching kids how to play the game and making them understand the finer arts and skills.

"I always like to sum up coaching as if you're a player, and you like and enjoy the way you are handled: that's good coaching.

"Coaching isn't about running and arranging free kicks — that's organisation.

"Coaching is getting hold of young players and producing them up to a standard where you can go on and make them top class players.

"As far as contracts are concerned between clubs and coaches, the situation tends to be somewhat of a joke.

"A great deal of the time, a contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

"This is where the national Federations or Associations must step in and take the initiative.

"For example, under Federation direction if a manager or coach is sacked and is owed \$10,000 or \$20,000 for the remainder of his contract, it must be fully paid or the Federation takes action against the club.

"This is the situation in Europe and it should be everywhere including Australia.

"By the same criteria, there should be a clause in every contract where, if a manager or a coach leaves the club through his own initiative or through the overtures of another club, the club he is leaving must be fully compensated for the remainder of that contract.

"The situation should cut both ways and if this was so, it would bring more trust into the game and indeed more sanity.

"The demands of modern manager-coaches are

"A number of coaches



This effigy of Brazilian Soccer team coach Claudio Coutinho hung in the front of a bar in downtown Rio after Brazil's poor play in the World Cup. The newspaper headline reads: SHAME, LAZY or INCOMPETENT and the placard hanging from the neck reads, "Coutinho is this right? \$6,000,000 for training 22 jerks!"

work without a contract but in my opinion this is not a good idea, unless the manager or coach is financially secure in other ways."

This was just a little of The Doc's great wealth of knowledge on this game of ours.

I suppose it's too much to hope that some of his

words are heeded as we continue to stumble along in the Soccer darkness.

For once again it seems ominous that when the end of the season comes —

if it ever comes — we'll have another "all change" on the coaching round about.

If it wasn't so serious, it would be laughable!

Then suddenly Ontong wasn't even in the youth squad: and in an 11th hour decision, Brennan was out for the vital game against Brisbane City.

Abonyi refused to discuss either decision with the media. But rumours were rife.

And the one that was most consistent was that the decisions were for disciplinary reasons. Abonyi then commented publicly (in relation to Brennan): "During the past four or five weeks I've been telling Tony what was required of him. He hasn't been doing enough so he's had a week out of the side."

Abonyi knew when he dropped Ontong from the squad he became so defeated that he ceased to train.

Offered this as an explanation, an apology and a promise to resume training immediately, Abonyi told the player not to bother.

He did not want to see him again this season.

ATTI GETS TOUGH

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA ARROWS coach Atti Abonyi has stamped his reputation quickly — not just as a motivator — but also a tough disciplinarian.

Two players, in particular, appear to have learned this.

They are crack striker Tony Brennan and dynamic defender Paul Ontong.

Both, of course, were

sidelined for lengthy spells with injuries — but made comebacks in recent weeks.

Brennan was returned to the NSL squad and looked to be regaining his old fire, zest and dogged

determination.

Ontong was playing in the youth squad, but when Abonyi's axe fell and he reduced the immediate NSL pool to 15, Ontong's name wasn't on the list.

THIS YEAR the Commonwealth Bank competition has brought to light many top young Soccer players, an ideal chance for senior clubs to recruit fresh young material.

St George, however, has already signed up two outstanding prospects from Cup Final winners, Kogarah High.

They are Peter Petkovski and Chris Polias.

Polias scored the winner when Kogarah defeated Kadina 1 nil at Marconi Stadium last Wednesday night.

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SYDNEY Olympic defender, Jim Ziras had a definite chance to break into the first grade side after he had overcome a nagging groin injury at the beginning of the season but bad luck struck again last week.

When he asked Olympic coach Tommy Docherty what his chances were of regaining a spot in the first grade line up he was surprised at the reply.

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"WE WILL not be part of any deal unless we get full backing from our clubs."

So said Karel Rodny, president of the NSW Soccer Federation, after he and his executive had a meeting with the ASF's marketing man Peter Sheean and NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozetta about the projected new NSL.

Rodny added: "We want peace but there will be no sell-out. The State executive will accept direction from a full council of clubs meeting."

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SOCEROO winger Peter Sharne will be able to negotiate a new contract with any club at the end of the season.

At present on loan to Leichhardt from Eastern (Hong Kong), Sharne says Leichhardt will have first refusal on his services.

But don't be surprised if his former club, Marconi, decides to make a bid.

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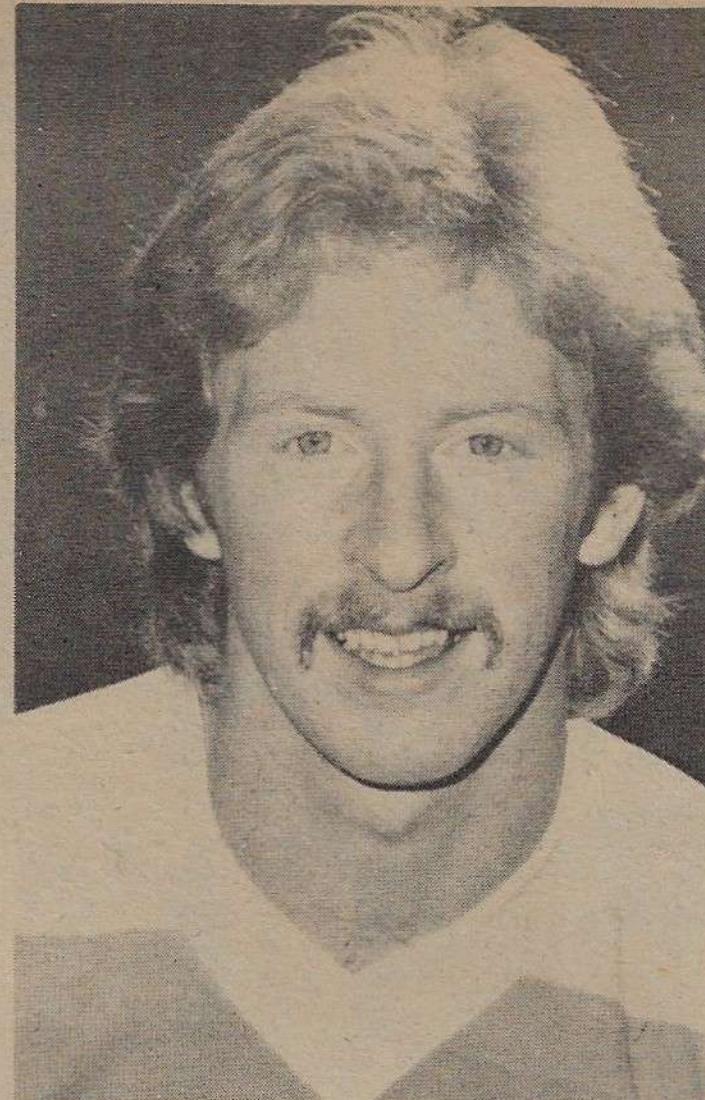
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TEENAGER Jamie Dummett brought Wollongong City good luck when he made his NSL debut against Brisbane Lions at Richlands.

Wollongong won 2-1, only their second win of the season, the other being their 1-0 victory over South Melbourne, also away from home.

Dummett earned his chance in the top side after playing well this season in the youth side as a defender.

He was promoted at the last minute when midfielder Larry Gaffney had to pull out because of illness.

The Wollongong team had 50 supporters at Richlands as a busload of fans travelled to the game, leaving on the Friday night and returning on the Monday morning.

After the overdue celebrations it was reported there were a few "sickies" taken on the Monday.

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WHILE ADELAIDE City star sweeper Neil Balfour says he is returning to England at the end of next month and won't be back, there is a different tale circulating in Melbourne.

Word is he will be in Preston's line-up next season.

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WOLLONGONG City will have lost a few friends after the decision to increase admission from \$4 to \$5 from last Sunday.

Secretary John Vlietstra said the increase was necessary because of the club's financial position.

He said it was unfortunate the loyal supporters who had backed the club at each home game should have to suffer but the club had to survive.

With the Wollongong area in the grip of recession many people feel the South Coast would have been better advised to drop the admission charge and gamble on getting bigger crowds. It has to be remembered when the decision was made Wollongong hadn't won a home game all season.

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Peter Tredinnick

YOUTH encouragement has paid off in a big way for one NSL club — Leichhardt.

In some games this season, the Lambert Park first grade side has had only one import — John Bradley.

The wealth of Aussie

talent includes Paul Carter, Ian Gray, Mark Pullein, Terry Butler, Mark Brown, Peter Tredinnick, Tony Morsello and Walter Valeri . . . with plenty more in the pipeline.

Leichhardt used to be a constant importer of overseas players.

HANWOOD CATHOLIC SOCCER CLUB

GRIFFITHS NSW

Invites applications for PLAYER-COACHES or Coaches for the 1st Grade Team and Under 23 Team for the 1984 season.

The Club competes in the ACT League Competition. Preferences for a PLAYER-COACH, but all applications will be given due consideration.

Players who are interested in playing for the HANWOOD CLUB in 1984, are also invited to make an application as the club is seeking the services of a GOALKEEPER (in particular) and various field positions.

All applications for the various coaching and playing positions, should be submitted in writing to the:

Secretary: HANWOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLUB

P.O. BOX 102

HANWOOD NSW 2674

Please state qualifications and experience, and proposed terms to successful negotiation with the Club.

Closing Date for all applications: SEPTEMBER 30th.

Telephone enquiries: 069 62 1214 (after 8pm)

Rowden will take the opportunity to visit the Greek Islands, including Pargos.

JOSS STICKS, PRAYERS, ROAST PIGS...

PLAYING Soccer in Hong Kong is "different" as many British players have discovered after signing for clubs in the Crown Colony.

Former Manchester City winger Tommy Hutchinson has just completed a two-year stint in Hong Kong with the Bulova club.

In this article published in the English "Daily Star," Hutchinson tells some interesting stories of Soccer, Hong Kong style.



TOMMY HUTCHISON realised Hong Kong football was going to be different when the team roasted three pigs on the pitch before his first match as an offering to the gods.

The Scots winger also had to join them in praying for victory, then all the players lit incense sticks and stuck them in the pitch at the spot where they wished to play well.

Tommy, a man with a highly developed sense of humour, restrained himself from putting his next to the substitutes' bench.

"I had to be serious, because I knew I was the one who had to adjust to them, not the other way round," said 35-year-old Hutch, relaxing at his Cheshire home after his second season with Bulova.

Money

"Too many of our players went out there for the big money, refused to give the Chinese what they wanted, then came the back and gave the place a bad name. "Sure, I went for the money, too. But I must have given value for money because they would have me back any time." The clubs, though, have a contract which lets them send

Report: DON HARDISTY

ON A WING AND A PRAYER

They even roast pigs on the pitch

Picture: RICHARD BLAKE

second year C.P. installed them in a luxury apartment in the legendary New World complex which would have cost a cool million pounds to buy.

"All the Chinese are very kind and appreciative to anyone who does their job properly," said Hutch.

"But when you make a mistake they don't boo, they just laugh at you."

Patient

But even the patient Chinese must have been puzzled by the eccentric C.P. at one match.

Said Tommy: "It was about 90 degrees but the stand gave a bit of shade down one wing where I was lucky enough to play the first half."

"When the second C.P. started, C.P. shouted to me: 'Change wings Tommy, send one of the young boys over there. It's too hot for you at your age.'

WHAT'S UP DOC?

TOMMY DOCHERTY, raconteur and Soccer manager and coach extraordinaire, is Canberra Arrows' guest at their Supporters Club fund-raising dinner on August 24.

Arrows' administrator, Karen Grega, said the club was thrilled that Docherty had accepted the invitation.

"He can usually be relied upon to be thoroughly entertaining — and, occasionally, controversial," said Karen.

The subject of the talk, of course, will be the round ball code.

The dinner will be an evening affair at the Downer Olympic Soccer club and bookings are now open.

They can be made on Canberra 480708 or 485595.

WHAT GRASS?

IT appears Artarmon Reserve, home of 2nd Div. Artarmon is coping some criticism.

Fairy Meadow officials said that the grass was cut at half time during first grade.

Another 2nd Div. side, Warringah-Narrabeen, claim Fairy Meadow were

lucky. When the Saints played there a few weeks ago no lawn mower appeared at half time. — The Reason?

No grass!
K. Samsom,
Manly.

SO GLOOMY

As a Soccer supporter I am saddened by the state of club Soccer (NSL, State League and Northern League) in NSW. Soccer in NSW is at its lowest ebb since the NSW Federation was formed in 1957.

Worse still, for the first time ever, club Soccer has been relegated to the bottom status of football codes in Sydney behind the VFL Swans.

The NSL, in its present form, cannot continue and a restructuring in my opinion will only temporarily alleviate the problem.

It appears Soccer in Australia is in a similar state today as it was before the NSW Federation was formed in 1957. Be-

fore 1957, we had the old Association, a body totally out of touch, desperately trying to keep control of the game against the tide which ultimately swept them away.

In their place came a new team of daring innovative administrators that gave Sydney and Wollongong Soccer fans a golden era between 1957-64.

Sadly, since then despite many attempts to revive the glory days with the exception of an isolated success here and there, the game has gone down and down.

I am firmly convinced that no matter what the current administrators attempt it will have no lasting affect in reviving the game. They have had too many chances and failed.

Only with a 1957-style fresh start and clean sweep will we see a revival of Soccer in Australia.

This will happen when the game sinks a bit lower

but this may be a little way off yet.

Meanwhile the game will continue to drift.

"Soccer Fan", Paddington 2021.

COME ON AUSSIE . . .

WHAT has happened to Australia's national team? After disaster against New Zealand and boredom against England, what is L. Scheinf. lug doing?

International matches are the flag ships of any country's Soccer set-up — club games are bread and butter but top international games are a "must" from time to time.

Look at Rugby Union. They find room for big international games that the fans love and which attract very big crowds for a non-spectator sport.

"Soccer Fan", Wollongong.

CROATIA SYDNEY SOCCER F.C.

YOUTH LEAGUE POSITIONS 1984

Applications are now open for the positions of Coaches and Managers, for the Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s teams, for the 1984 YOUTH LEAGUE season.

All applications are to be sent to:
Assistant Secretary.

32 TRELAWNEY STREET,
EASTWOOD NSW 2122

Closing dates September 14th

Further details, please contact:

Mr Marijan Devcic (Bus hrs) 644 2965
(After hrs) 855 979

All applicants must show full details of qualifications and experience. Ex players welcome to apply.



SPORT STARTS WITH A LOOK AT SOCCER IN HONG KONG

DAILY STAR, Wednesday, July 20, 1983

BACK HOME
Tommy Hutchinson with
children Lynn, aged 13,
David (7) and John (10) in
their garden in Wilmslow,
Cheshire.

PERTH HOSTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

THIS week, girls from all States will arrive in Perth for the National Women's Soccer Championships. With the economy tight in many places, the hunt for willing sponsors to help in the enormous task of getting teams to Western Australia has been very hard.

Because of this, at least two State sides have elected to make the trek westward by overland coach instead of the usual few hours by air.

Victoria and Northern Ter-

ECONOMY DRIVES VICTORIA AND NT TO OVERLAND PASSAGE!

ritory are going this way and taking days to do it.

Because of late withdrawals from Nth Queensland, who made their initial entry into Australian competition in Brisbane last year, and South Australia who seem not to be competing for a variety of reasons, the draw has been upset twice giving officials concern.

The games will be held at

the Velodrome in Mount Hawthorne for night matches and Dorrien Gardens, Fitzgerald Street, Perth, for the majority of matches played in the daytime.

Dorrien Gardens is said to be one of the best surfaces for Soccer in W.A. It will be interesting to compare it with the velvet-like playing area of the Gardens Oval at Darwin which was lush with grass through constant watering.

With such a change of players in most teams other than the title holder, Sth Queensland, it is interesting to compare sides and predict results.

Successful coach for South Queensland, Fred Robbins, has not let winning in 1982 go to the girls' heads.

In fact, his original squad for the 1983 State side was told none of the positions was secure and the girls had to play for their places.

True to his word, there are seven of the 1982 side missing this year.

An interesting inclusion is Sue Bubeck from Toowoomba who has been brought in as second goalkeeper. She is a field player as well as a goalie.

Sue Monteath who must rate as one of the most experienced women players in Australia, is again playing for her State.

Seventeen year old Sharon

Wass, a product from the junior Queensland ranks and an asset from the Under 15 State side, is sure to worry defenders now that she has more experience on her shoulders. Sharon is also an Australian team player.

Through necessity, Lionel Sneyd, coach of Nth. NSW has had to contend with a team of mixed ability this year.

With Toni McMahon in goal, it will be interesting to see how his defence will stack up. McMahon, once an Australian player, has turned 21 and with the competition not as fierce as she has been used to in top Sydney match play, we will see how sharp her reflexes are against some of the quick forwards coming through the ranks.

Sneyd has included some young faces in his line-up, with young Helen Watts being the baby of the side which was Amy Tredinnick's place last year.

Amy, 15, is the young star of the Nth. NSW line-up and her blooming into the State side last year will stand her in good stead.

There are four faces missing from the team who were the bridesmaids again last year but the steady influence of Renaye Iserif and Julie Dolan, now playing in her eighth year of representation Soccer, is sure to quieten

any pre-match butterflies the youngsters may have.

The news that will cause some surprise in the Nth. Territory side is the absence this year of popular goalkeeper, Barbara Chisholm who has hung up her boots for a while to have an addition to her family. She could always



Amanda Laglar and Leigh Wardell.

be relied upon to grin and urge her team on no matter how many goals were shot past her.

Two of the trio of Solien sisters are in the side again this year with Ros. Solien, deer-like in her speed and able to turn attack from hopeless situations.

Only about half the side which took the field last year will be representing the Territory in Perth.

Graham Rees, the manager of the side, was unsure even at this late stage, of his actual team.

Tasmania will be fielding an almost completely revamped side this year.

Only five of the 18 players who went to Brisbane have been retained.

Rosemary Francis, a 23 year old experienced full-back from the Metro-Claremont club, heads the team.

She is supported by 18 year old Lea Kitchell who is an aggressive mid-field player also from the Metro club.

Twenty-two year old Kimbra Stanfield from the Brighton-Callies will be playing in her fourth State representation.

She will be remembered as the young Kim Eyre who came into the side for experience in Adelaide and played as a winger.

With eight of the 16 players being taken by Victoria to the Nationals this year, the side is very much a combination of an experienced trio in Teresa Jones in goal, Andrea Martin as sweeper and Kim Coates as full-back, combined with the new and the very new.

As was the case with NSW last year, some of the tried members of the Victorian Association have other commitments this year and were not available for selection.

Eight of the Victorian players are under 17 and several have just competed in the Under 15 Championships in Canberra.

Captain is Andrea Martin



Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

Western Australia could be the surprise packet, playing on their own grounds before their own people.

The draw for the tournament is:

Wed. 24th August:
W.A. v N.N.S.W.
VIC v S.Q.

N.T. v Tas
A.C.T. v N.S.W.

Thurs. 25th August:
N.S.W. v Vic
S.Q. v N.T.
N.N.S.W. v A.C.T.
Tas v W.A.

Sat. 27th August:
Tas v N.N.S.W.
Vic v A.C.T.
N.T. v N.S.W.
W.A. v S.Q.

Sun. 28th August:
A.C.T. v N.T.
S.Q. v Tas
N.S.W. v W.A.
N.N.S.W. v Vic

Tues. 30th August:
W.A. v A.C.T.
Tas v N.S.W.
N.T. v Vic
S.Q. v N.N.S.W.

Wed. 31st August:
A.C.T. v Tas
N.N.S.W. v N.T.
Vic v W.A.
N.S.W. v S.Q.

Thurs 1st September:
Tas v Vic
W.A. v N.T.
S.Q. v A.C.T.
N.S.W. v N.N.S.W.

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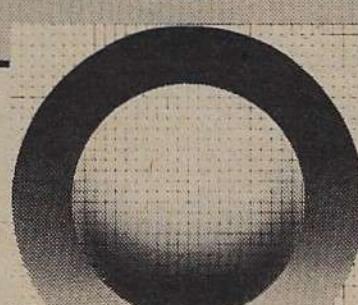
— Repeated Saturday, 3.10pm —

Sunday, August 28, 7.30pm:

★ MATCH OF THE DAY ★ — Heidleberg v St George

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Top: Kadina defence heads clear. Above: Proud winners for the first time in the CWBSC, Kogarah High. Below: Tom Togher, Commonwealth Bank Public Relations manager, presents winning captain Ali Reda with the cup.

THE 97th MINUTE CHAMPS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE 1983 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup Final, played last Wednesday night at the Marconi Stadium, was won by Kogarah Boys High, defeating Kadina High from Lismore, 1 nil.

This was the 22nd Cup Final staged by the CHS, and the whole competition attracted no fewer than 288 High Schools.

The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, has produced many top clashes, and special mention must be made for the semi-final between Kogarah and Marsden, which Kogarah eventually won on penalties.

I was fortunate enough to see this match, and believe me it was equal to anything I have seen in NSL football this year. It

moves, but their chances broke down mainly due to lack of midfield back-up to their strikers in the box.

Starring for Kadina in the first half, was left-sided player, Paul Foster, who showed some lovely touch downs the line. Incidentally, Paul had his young brother, Craig also playing, despite being only 14.

Kadina held out Kogarah raids through some great goalkeeping by their CHS basketball representative player, Peter Marshall.

The Kadina back-four were marshalled soundly by their stopper, Stephen Kelly, and their methodical style of play reflected the much devoted work put into the team by their coach, Tony Quayle.

Kogarah however, showed more individuality in creativeness which although made them look more dangerous, could also have proved to be their downfall.

Star of the match was striker, Chris Polias, who also scored the winner in the 7th minute of extra time, after the scoreline was locked at nil all at the end of 90 minutes.

Kogarah's coach, Trevor Taylor, had worked out a secret-weapon for all their corners. Kogarah strikers had to stand well out of the Kadina penalty box at the moment the corner kick was being taken. The idea was to pull Kadina defenders well out of the area, thus creating space in the box for late runs in.

But after the first three corners, Kadina's defenders remained well entrenched in their box, thus nullifying Kogarah's plan.

Kogarah relied heavily on their sweeper, Nick Tsanas, in the first half, who organised everything at the back, as well as exhibiting some excellent cover-work, as his skipper, Ali Reda, drove Kogarah relentlessly.

Petkovic was being well screened by Kadina, as was Polias. These two were well known threats to Kadina's aspirations of winning the Cup.

Then it happened. In the 97th minute of the match, Chris Polias broke away down the centre, and angled across a little to the right before placing a right-footed shot just inside the far-left post, inches out of goalkeeper, Peter Marshall's reach.

This goal was enough to give Kogarah Boys High, the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup for 1983.

MEDAL WINNER CHRIS POLIAS

KOGARAH HIGH SCHOOL has enjoyed a wonderful 1983 Soccer season.

First, they won the Commonwealth Bank Cup; then their star striker, Chris Polias, won the Johnny Warren "Man of the Match Medal".

This award was judged by a panel of Pressmen together with Johnny Warren, former Australian skipper.

Young Chris also scored the winning goal in the Cup Final, to round off a top performance.

I contacted Chris immediately after the Final and obtained a little information about the St George NSL Youth League player.



Graham Crawhall, Commonwealth Bank Public Relations officer and Johnny Warren congratulate the "Man of the Match", Chris Polias.

BIRTHDAY: 13.3.66.
BIRTHPLACE: Alexandria, Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5 foot 10 inches.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Kogarah High, Hurstville Park, Canterbury, Wests and St George Youth NSL.

FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS?: Joe Watson, Dez Marton and John Kosmina.

OVERSEAS SOCCER IDOLS?: Zico, Rossi and Keegan.

OTHER SPORTS?: Tennis, Swimming and Squash.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT?: Saints right-back, David Skeen in practice matches."

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH?: This year's Commonwealth Bank Cup Final, as well as the 2SM Cup Final in 1981."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: Steak and Chips and Calamari.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER?: Full-backs who can't play, but just hack away at strikers with intent to maim. Another dislike, travelling to away matches on bus trips.

MOVIE STARS?: Elizabeth Taylor and Elvis Presley.

MUSIC?: Disco and New Wave.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN SOCCER CAREER?: My dad, Tony Raciti from a psychological and motivational aspect when I was with Wests. Howard Hadley now at St George who controls the Youth NSL Squad. Our coach at Kogarah, Economics teacher, Trevor Taylor has also been great. He is a well-organised type of coach.

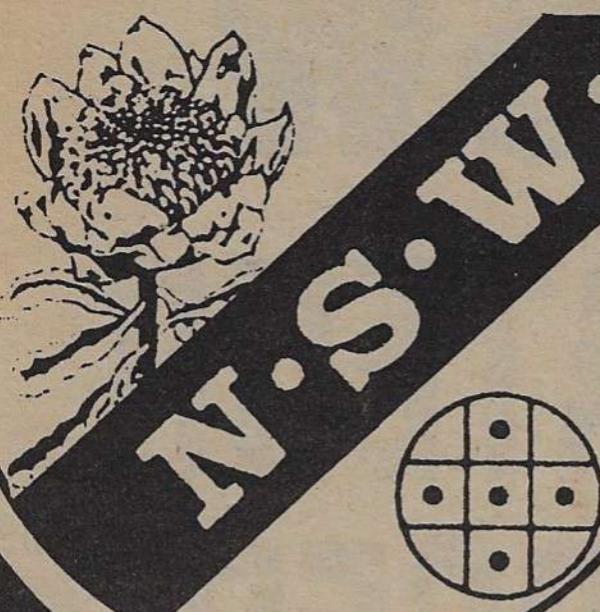
S O C C E R HONOURS?: CHS Reps, Under 15s, NSW Champion of Champions, State Metropolitan team when at Wests.

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS?: To be able to progress in Soccer, do well in NSL, and a dream to hopefully play for Australia, and succeed in a business career.

Young Chris Polias wants to continue his studies when he leaves school in Business Administration or Economics.

It's young players such as Chris that the future of Soccer hinges upon. And the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup competition, is the showcase for exciting talent.

The Cup competition gives senior coaches and officials of the code the golden opportunity to spot, secure, and develop this material.



Ian Holmes, President.

WELCOME

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is proud to be host this year of the "Under 15 Nationals."

Those Soccer States competing for the title are Queensland, Northern NSW, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, South Australian and Western Australia as well as ourselves.

They know they are welcome, and the same applies to the New Zealand national team, who will be playing on a 'no points' basis.

New Zealand's appearance is an exceptional honour and I am sure that they will add lustre to what has been an increasingly competitive series.

My fellow executive members have put much work into the Under 13 and 14 teams, but this year it is our turn to act as Under 15 hosts as well playing members of the grade.

We are indeed fortunate to have obtained the help of the Manly-Warringah District Soccer Football Club in providing their Cromer Park ground and adjacent facilities.

Backing them up in every possible way is the Manly-Warringah District Soccer Football Association.

Whilst all eyes will be on the matches, it is appropriate for me to ask those visitors who have an or-

ganisational bent to examine the set-up of our strong Manly Association.

Manly is 7,000 players and some 600 teams strong, yet they are but one of 13 huge affiliated associations covering junior and amateur Soccer in the Sydney area.

I am sure that the Manly officials will be only too willing to discuss their methods. Over the years they have come from nothing to 600 teams. They must have something worth looking at.

On adjoining grounds will be the NSW Under 13 and 14 Championship, which will add more to the proceedings.

Last year NSW won the coveted Australian Under 15 Championship, which was played at Frankston, near Melbourne.

To be frank we finished runners-up to Victoria in a tournament played in New Zealand, so from that it can be seen just how close the competition can be.

In fact the tendency has been for the States which were not once so well known to field very strong teams. This year we look forward to some great and sporting football, and may the best team win.

Ian Holmes, President.
NSW AMATEUR
SOCCER FEDERATION

HARD LOOK AT NZ TOUR

THE Australian Junior Soccer Council is having a hard look at sending an under 16 team to New Zealand from December 4/12 for the Oceania Championships.

The boys would be born after August 1 1968, which would qualify them by age to play in the first World Cup for U16s next year.

It is not yet certain whether FIFA will commence this series, but they have been planning for it for some time.

The cost of transport into Sydney as embarkation point from all over the Commonwealth, as well as all other costs and

transport to New Zealand, makes this a very difficult tour to conduct.

All up costs are being examined, but well over \$20,000 would have to be raised, even allowing that the New Zealanders would billet the players.

Competing would be New Zealand Fiji, Taipei and Australia. The series would be held in Auckland.

DON'T MISS A UNIQUE ATTRACTION

SOCCER enthusiasts should not miss the Australia-New Zealand under 15 Soccer international to be played at St George Stadium at Rockdale on Sunday September 4.

The Australian team will be selected from the State sides competing in under 15 national championship.

The international has been set down for 1pm, and will be played in conjunction with St George's National Soccer League clash with Adelaide City.

Make a party with your friends and attend this unique junior Soccer attraction. Full details on the next three pages.

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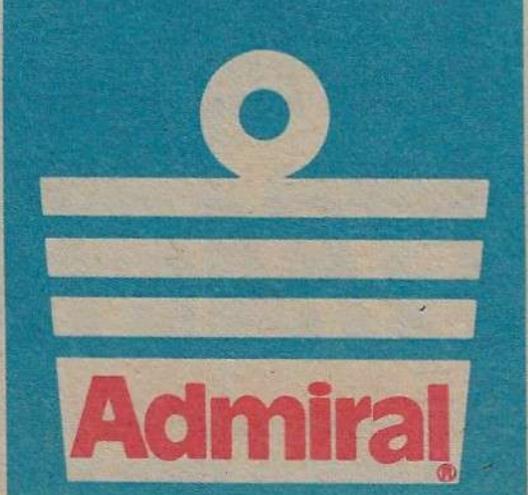
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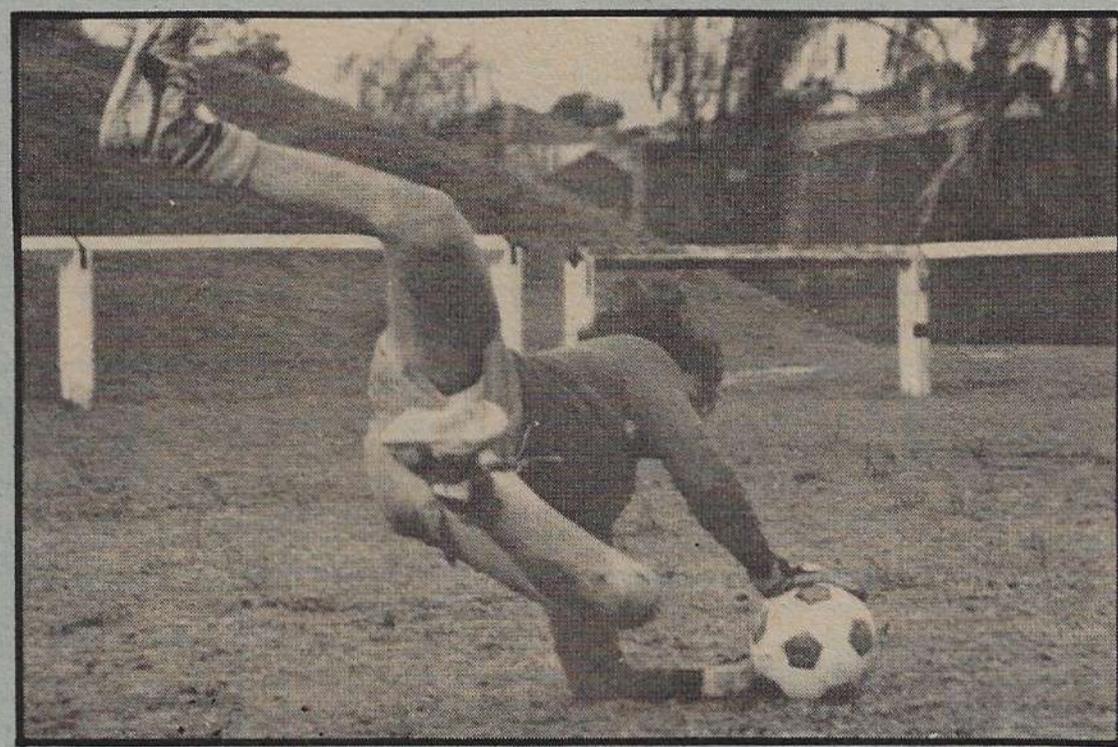
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COOMBES
PERRIN
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David
Scott
Craig
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PROGRAMME

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL U/15 SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS CROMER PARK, South Creek Rd, DEE WHY

REFEREES APPOINTMENTS

Sunday 28/8/83 — Sunday 4/9/83

DATE	TIME	TEAMS
28.8.83	11.00	New Zealand v Victoria
	12.30	South Australia v Queensland
	2.00	Western Australia v New South Wales
	3.30	ACT v Northern New South Wales
29.8.83	10.30	Western Australia v Northern New South Wales
	12.00	New Zealand v New South Wales
	1.30	Victoria v Queensland
	3.00	South Australia v ACT
30.8.83	10.30	Victoria v Northern New South Wales
	12.00	Western Australia v ACT
	1.30	New South Wales v South Australia
	3.00	New Zealand v Queensland
31.8.83	10.30	Western Australia v Queensland
	12.00	South Australia v New Zealand
	1.30	New South Wales v Northern New South Wales
	3.00	Victoria v ACT
1.9.83	10.30	ACT v New Zealand
	12.00	Queensland v New South Wales
	1.30	South Australia v Northern New South Wales
	3.00	Western Australia v Victoria
2.9.83	10.30	New Zealand v Northern New South Wales
	12.00	Queensland v ACT
	1.30	Western Australia v South Australia
	3.00	Victoria v New South Wales
3.9.83	9.15	South Australia v Victoria
	10.45	Western Australia v New Zealand
	12.15	New South Wales v ACT
	1.45	Queensland v Northern New South Wales
		BARTON STADIUM
4.9.83	1.00	Australia v New Zealand

MEDI-FRANK!

A KEEN official in been closely as-
NSW Amateur ranks, sociated with NSW
Frank Wilson has junior representative



HATS OFF TO JACK

JACK Boyle is one of the great Soccer enthusiasts of Queensland. Due to their well-directed work, Junior Soccer in the state is as well if not better organised than anywhere else in Australia.

-COMPILED AND EDITED BY KEITH GILMOUR,
ASW's SPECIAL JUNIORS CORRESPONDENT

teams and in fact
trained the NSW
successful under 15
team last year.

Whether he answers to the name of Physiotherapist, trainer, strapper or rubber, the fact is that his first aid knowledge makes him a must for a state team.

Apart from that he is the long-serving secretary of the huge Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association, where he heads the overall administration of some 500 teams and 6,500 players.

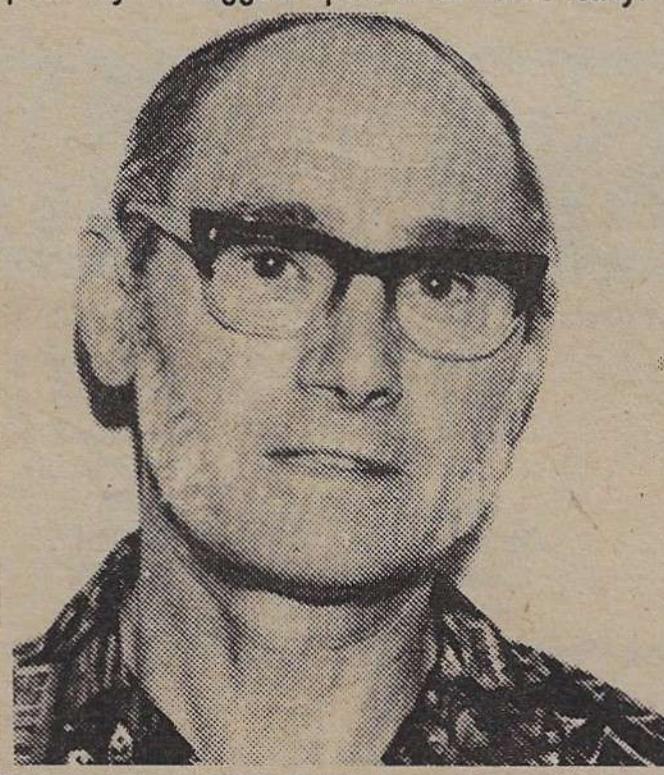
Frank comes from the famous Ryde Soccer district. He is steeped in Soccer as both his father and his uncle served in the post of secretary of the NSW Junior SFA, the predecessor of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

STATE secretary Rod Woods has been a long-serving Soccer man, having started out as a team manager and official of Gladesville Methodist SFC in the NSW Protestant Churches competitions.

From there is shifted into the local Gladesville-Hornsby

SPOTLIGHT ON CYRIL

ONE of the leading lights in Canberra Junior Soccer Cyril Sutton has helped to transfer the code from a minor element in ACT sport to probably the biggest sport of all numerically.



YEOMAN ROD

Association area and took an active part. After moving into the adjacent Ku-ring-gai District, he took over the secretaryship of the great Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association, to whom he has given yeoman service.

His next move took him to Sydney Branch and then the State as secretary. Recently he succeeded Brian Emery as secretary of the Australian Junior Council.

The two other National Championships are the under 14s in Brisbane and the under 13s in Alice Springs.

success as Publicity Officer of the NSW Amateur Federation.

But his interest does not end there. He is secretary of the St George Association, with close to 400 active teams.

He can often be found at the St George-Budapest Soccer Club's Soccer House premises in Victoria St, Mortdale, where he holds the position of Junior Vice-President.

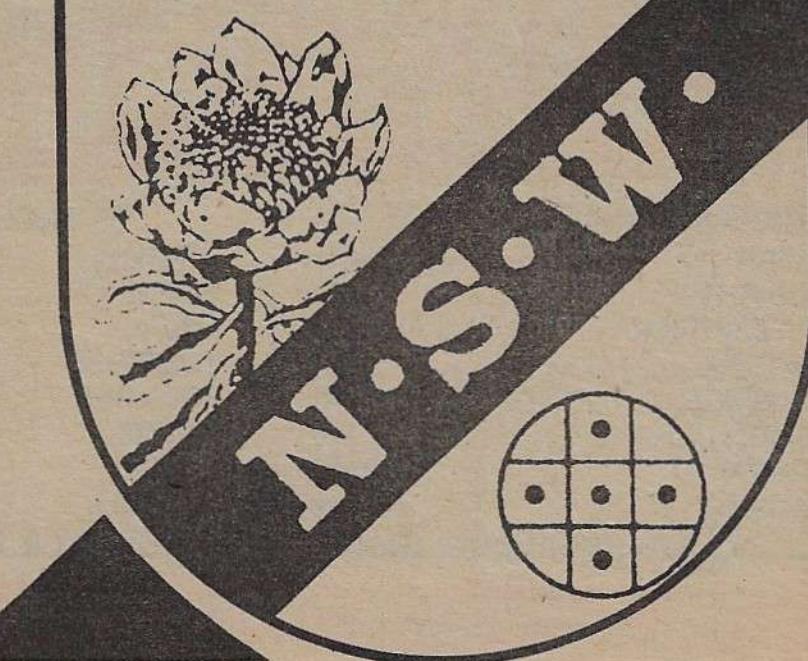


IN NSW circles John Hedison is known for the way he builds some fine State junior teams. In recent seasons he has turned his hand to obtaining publicity for the Amateurs with



Ron Roberts
Prominent South Australian Junior Soccer Council Official

AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION



Joe Palinkas



JOE IS LOOKING GOOD

JOE Palinkas, the well-dressed man about town, is slowly making

TOO RIGHT, SON!

THE Wrights had a big celebration last week when a new Soccer player came into their household.

It was Stephen junior their first-born child. Just what the doctor ordered — a player to follow in dad's footsteps.

Sammy, the Northcote City and former South Melbourne Hellas star, was delighted. So was wife, Jan.

It all happened just before Sammy was about to run on to Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

He had spent most of the previous night at Brighton Community Hospital sitting up with Jan waiting for the big event.

Apart from the excitement of the day, the only disappointment was the match itself.

Northcote lost 1-0.

his mark in Victorian Soccer again.

He left to try his luck in top company with St. George in 1975 then played with Brisbane City and this season returned to his Soccer 'father' — Cedo Cirkovic.

Cedo has always looked after Joe ever since he left Melbourne Hungaria (Atti Abonyi's old team) and went to Footscray.

"He's like a father to me," said Joe.

"He looks after me in life and on the field."

No wonder right winger Joe is doing so well with State League club Fawkner.

Joe is runner up in the goal scoring list at the club. He's scored six this year to leader Bruno Cozzella's eight.

At 28, Joe says "I feel like 20 as I'm fit and train hard."

Joe says he's played more than 100 league games in his career which started when he arrived in Melbourne from Yugoslavia at the age of 13.

"At Fawkner we had a little lapse at the beginning of the season but now we've won three games in a row," he said.

"I think our turning point came when we beat Croydon 3-2."

As a junior Joe was very popular in Victoria. He represented the state when the under 16s won the interstate youth championship against NSW. He scored the winning goal.

WITH Melbourne Croatia and Brunswick Juventus hot favourites to join the National League Conference next year, the rush is on with other clubs who hope to join them.

Among contenders in the State League are Green Gully Ajax, Fawkner, Morwell Falcons, Northcote City, Maribyrnong Polonia and Sunshine George Cross.

Guy Spiteri, Green Gully's president, says those responsible for selecting the clubs for the new league can't afford to leave his club out.

"After all, we've won the State League championship two years in a row and we look like winning it again this year," he told me.

Alf Zahra, president of the Sunshine-George Cross combine, says his club is "very much interested" in playing in the new league.

"We are in the process of submitting a submission to join," he said.

"It is the highest level of Soccer, it will be more professional and we believe although our new coach needs more players we can achieve it with his ability."

"After all, George Cross have won everything and this is one competition we haven't taken part in."

"We still hold the crowd record of 23,000 for one game in 1962 at Olympic Park."

"This may be nostalgia but the only way we can bring most of them back to the game is for us to enter this type of competition."

"We aim to play in front

of bigger crowds which will give us the incentive to build up our team," he said.

Mr Zahra said their Anderson Road, Sunshine, ground is in the process of building improvements to the clubrooms. Negotiations were being carried out to update and rebuild the dressing rooms.

"We could accommodate up to 10,000 at our ground when the terraces are rebuilt and we have been promised help from the Sunshine Council if we play in the National League," he said.

Sam Pizzo, secretary of the Italian-sponsored club Fawkner, said this week his club had applied to join the league.

"Sam Papasavas approached us at the beginning of the season and we were very keen."

"The spirit was there after having won everything in the Metropolitan League but we thought we were not ready for it."

"Now our committee have decided we should apply because we want to play in the top league," he said.

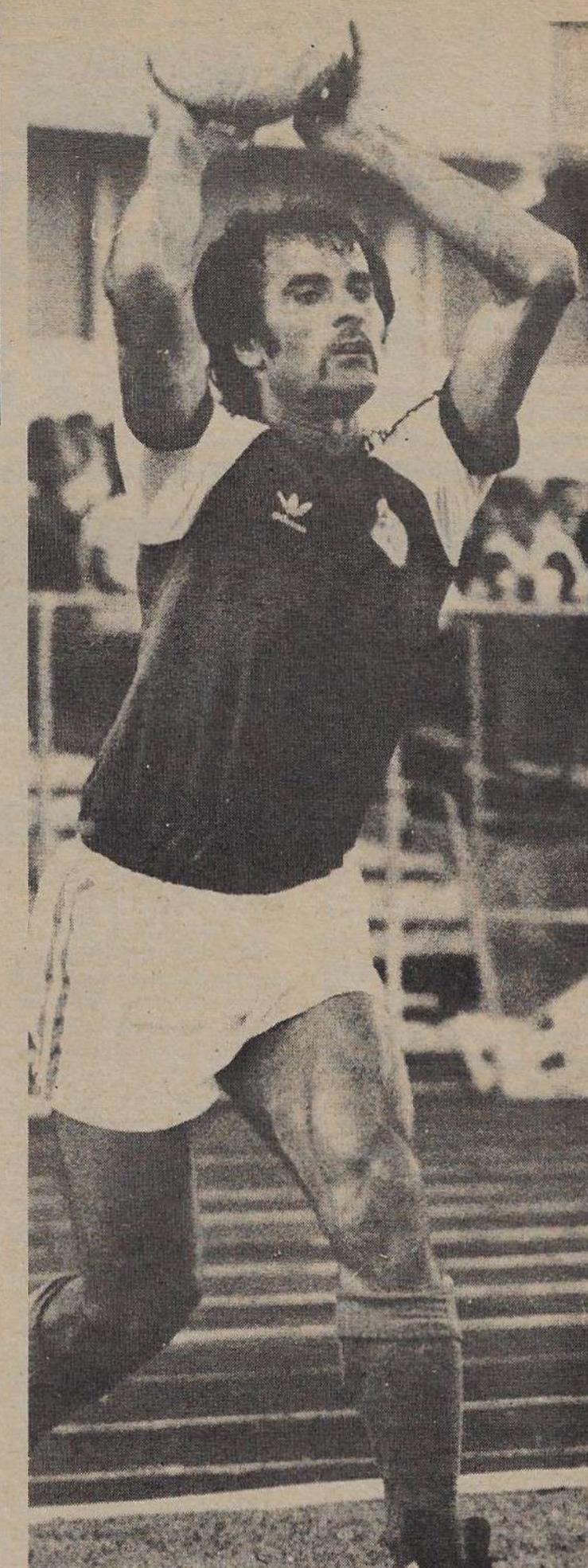
Morwell Falcons, although they have made no comment, are also believed to be interested and so too are Maribyrnong Polonia, the Polish club.

When asked about their intentions, Polonia secretary, Chad Kozici, said: "I can't give you any comment at the moment."

Northcote City, a Greek club, have achieved their

BY FRED VILLIERS

VICTORIANS RUSH NSL



Anti Bilaver: a prospect of playing for Melbourne Croatia in the revamped National League next year.

ambition this season by staying in the middle of the State League after finishing on the bottom last year.

New coach Tony Vrzina has worked miracles with the limited budget he had

at the start of the season. He has had experience in preparing club submissions for entry into higher leagues — he was mainly responsible for Preston Makedonia's successful submission for the PSL.

DINAMO ARE RATHER SPECIAL

ST. ALBANS Dinamo are a team with a future.

They play in Metropolitan League division two but look certain to gain promotion this year.

What makes them rather special is their ambition to kick-on with their new building project launched last week.

New social rooms costing \$250,000 were started last week when Keilor MLA George Seitz helped lay the foundation for the building at Churchill Reserve, St. Albans.

Mr Seitz was helped by Maribyrnong ward councillors Charlie Apap and Alex Andrianopoulos and St. Albans National Bank

manager Tony Bramwell. Club building coordinator, Ivan Pavlovic, said he looked forward to the works providing a much needed facility for his progressive club which services a large number of local soccer fans.

Steve Biewer, committee man, invited members to support the club in its efforts to bring cultural, social and sport to the North St. Albans area.

"St. Albans has a tradition of self help in these matters and will show once again how it's done," he said.



Jimmy Nelson: one of the Juventus mainstays during the season.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

CROATIA BITE THE SHARKS

CROATIA maintained their unbeaten home record this year with a purposeful 1-0 victory over Sutherland at King Tomislav Park.

Croatia produced an entertaining effort for their spectators playing a delightfully brand of attacking Soccer. They must be sure they keep it up for their next big hurdle: The Championship decider against Melita at King Tomislav this Sunday.

Croatia coach, Joseph Kuze, was pleased with his team's effort: "This win was very important for the boys. Sutherland are a hard physical side that never stop chasing and bussing."

"We created the better opportunities but only scored once. Our defence stood firm and played with purpose in setting up

our attacking movements," Kuze said.

Sutherland didn't create any clear cut goalscoring chances but Beggs toiled hard up front for them. And Sutherland Goalkeeper Haynes saved his side on a number of occasions with fine displays of the goalkeeper's art.

This loss edges Sutherland out of the top four and allows Manly to slip into fourth spot.

The game flared up in the 27th minute when a drive from Rezo was superbly pushed wide by Haynes. Minutes later Rezo and Savor combined with the latter forcing Haynes to save for the Sharks.

The home team's goal came in the 58th minute and involved no fewer than four players. Basic, Silva and Savor combined to set up Hensman and his drive from the right sailed just under the cross-

s-bar.

Croatia maintained their attacking raids in the last phases of play with Hensman being prominent. He made three clear breaks but Haynes was equal to the task with three confident saves.

Vidaic, Alex Kovacic and Tomasic all stood out for Croatia while for Sutherland Haynes, Beggs and Terry were their best.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Basic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo (Silva 57), Savor, Arnold (Holloway 75), M. Kovacic, Hensman.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno, Cashman, Harrington (Knowles 78), Clinch (Groome 70), Beggs, Watkins, Schafegger.

GOALS: Croatia (Hensman 58).



Alex Kovacic has continued his fine form for Croatia. Here he is pictured in tussle with Branko Karanfilovski (right) from a game last year.

MELITA EAGLES SOARING HIGH

MELITA reversed the first round 1-0 drubbing they received against Ku-Ring-Gai by confidently defeating them 3-0 at Melita Stadium.

Ever since that day in the first round, Melita have remained undefeated to this date and are fired up for the ensuing championship battle against Croatia this Sunday.

Against the Chasers, Melita took their time to reach their natural flow but once they hit top gear, victory was always well within their grasp.

On the other hand, Ku-Ring-Gai's downfall was the use of two strikers who were constantly supplied with long clearance kicks in the English style.

But Melita were quick to realise and blocked them out in a confident manner.

The only pressure at the Melita goal was through high crosses from the left and right flank which keeper McPherson had no trouble handling.

Midway through the first half a McKie cross was headed towards the Ku-Ring-Gai goal by Farrugia but Curtis saved with purpose and skill.

But moments later Melita were not so easily put off. Cross put the ball through for Griffith on the left flank who's cross from the by-line was struck at goal by Farnsworth. It was pushed away by Curtis but McKie was on hand to tuck the rebound home.

Allan displayed his hunger for goals and scored Melita's second in

the 53rd minute with a cracking drive from outside the area. Allan was in the middle of things again midway through the half when Cross passed to him but his attempt was blocked for a corner.

Seconds later Farnsworth set-up Melita's third goal when he dashed down the right flank, crossed to McKie who laid it on for Farrugia who smashed the ball into goal from inside the area.

The best chance for Ku-Ring-Gai fell in the 85th minute when Regan shot wide with only the goal-

keeper to beat.

Melita were well served by Farrugia, Griffith and Daley. The Chasers best were Berry, Robertson and Leak.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth (Duarte 69), McAusland, Allan, Farrugia, McKie.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Berry, Watson, Robertson, Williamson (Eaton), Leak, Knight, Davidson (Regan 73), McKegan, Brockbank.

GOALS: Melita (McKie 27, Allan 53, Farrugia 69).

YUGAL SHOCK AVALA

YUGAL destroyed Avala's hopes of a position in the top four with a well-drilled 1-0 victory at Fraser Park.

Yugal have collected three points against Avala this season and at this stage Avala have almost no hope of amassing enough points to make the final four.

Both teams pushed forward but Yugal created the better goalscoring opportunities. In the 30th minute a header from Yugal substitute Baumgartner was cleared off the line.

Tanoski scored the match-winner for Yugal in the 60th minute after he headed in Jesek cross from the left flank. Rodrigues almost levelled for the visitors when he volleyed a Muniz free-kick just over the bar.

YUGAL: Berry, Gogic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Bonic (Baumgartner 20), Mihajlovic, Jesek, Zivkovic, Tanoski.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lembryk, Vujinovic, MacKenzie, Milne, Muniz, Fernandez, Radovic (Brown), Hosseini, Mahamah (Tosikec), Rodriguez, Brown.

GOALS: Yugal (Tanoski 65).

AUBURN'S POINT

AUBURN salvaged some pride and earned a valuable point after battling to a 0-0 draw with Polonia at Chopin Park.

It was a hard fought battle with both teams having chances to score. Polonia relied on the off-side trap but on a number of occasions it didn't prove effective.

Such as when Kinsey walzed through the trap in the 12th minute but shot wide of the advancing Polonia goalkeeper, Barker. Thomas made a dashing run down the right side for Polonia in the 33rd minute, crossed the ball to Sobczyk who's header was brilliantly pushed around the post by Bowman.

Polonia's best chance to score arrived seconds before the break. From a Polonia corner, Geekie headed towards goal but the ball was cleared off the line by Johnston.

Midway through the second-half, Kinsey put Bobinac through but his attempt was pushed over the bar by Barker.

POLOMIA: Barker, I. Garlowski, Geekie, Z. Garlowski, Galas, Tracey, Ortega (Leek 57), Thomas, Grossas, Sobczyk, Kowalczyk.

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Promelja, Planinic, Johnston, Lee (Townson 74), Kilkelly, Quigley, Bobinac, Kinsey, Carney.

DEMONS SECOND HALF RALLY

BLACKTOWN secured their third position on the table with a captivating second-half effort which netted them three goals and two points over Cant-M'ville at Arlington Oval.

Despite Blacktown's dominance which the 3-0 scoreline suggests, the first half was keenly fought by both sides.

In the third minute, a 25 metre drive from Cant-M'ville's Anagnostopoulos just missed the crossbar.

In the 33rd minute a 40 metre piledriver from Basterfield was brilliantly saved by the Blacktown goalkeeper, Hoare.

As has happened in previous games this season, the Demons started the second half with a renewed vigour.

In the 53rd minute, Selvage scored from the spot

after Anagnostopoulos handled in the area.

Selvage was in the thick of the action moments later and a cross from him was glanced into goal by Stoddart.

The Demons sealed the issue in the 65th minute. Following some fine lead-up work from Stoddart, Selvage and Davies, McLaughlin was on hand to sidefoot the final touch into goal.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Brogan, Rassmussen, Wheatley, Turnbull, Selvage, Davies, Stoddart, Larkin (O'Shane 74), McLaughlin, Thorntwaite (Pearson

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Palmer, Tizzone, Anagnostopoulos, Laing (Imperiou 81), Philipou, Theodorakopoulos, Andreou, Basterfield (Cohen 53).

GOALS: Blacktown City (Selvage 53, Stoddart 57, McLaughlin 65).



Paul Daley: a vital cog in the Melita machine

MANLY HOPE

MANLY jumped into fourth position on the competition table with a resolute 4-2 win over Bankstown at the Soccer centre.

David Jack was easily the best player on the field with two well taken goals in the 32nd and 47th minutes. And despite being behind throughout the game, Bankstown displayed spirit in pushing forward to score.

Manly hit the lead in the 31st minute with a Peter Falconer header from four metres. Jack made it 2-0 seconds later and Keith Falconer put Manly further ahead after only four more minutes had elapsed with a well positioned header from close range.

Agostino pegged one back for Bankstown seconds after the break but Jack was quick to reply

for the visitors with his double for the afternoon soon after.

Midway through the second half, Bankstown scored the second goal when a cross from Agostino was kicked, mistimed and hit into his own goal by Manly defender Geoghan.

Best performers for Manly were Jack, Stuart and Keith Falconer while for Bankstown Hasnic, Agostino and King were strong.

BANKSTOWN: S. Giffin, J. Giffin, King, Vaughan, Kennedy, Hasnic, Bourke, Silines (Parker 87), Agostino, Blackburn, Dalton.

MANLY: Cassettari, Geoghan, Williamson, K. Falconer, Knoble, Jones, Steven (Russell 44), Jack, Smith (Vale 80), P. Falconer, Stuart.

GOALSCORERS: Manly (Jack 32, 47, P. Falconer 31, K. Falconer 36), Bankstown (Agostino 46, 53), P. Falconer, Stuart.

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III		
Polonia v Auburn	0-0	0-3	2-1	Hurstville-Zagreb v Pt Hacking	2-2
S.S.C. Yugal v Avala	1-0	3-3	2-6	Concordia v Field West	1-3
Cant-M'ville Oly v Blacktown City	0-3	1-2	0-0	Spanish Club v King Tomislav	3-1
Bankstown v Manly Warringah	2-4	1-2	3-4	Nineveh Eagles v Wentworth	0-0
Melita Eagles v Ku-ring-gai	3-0	5-1	2-1		2-2
Croatia Sydney v Sutherland Shire	1-0	0-2	2-1		

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Fairy Meadow v Rockdale	0-2	5-1	3-0	Chelsea v Trasandinos Sports	0-0
P'matta City v Warringah N'been	1-4	4-1	8-1	Padstow Pk v West St George	4-1
Revesby Wks v Artarmon	3-1	6-2	2-5	Sydney Maccabi v C'town Gunners	1-0
Penrith Utd v G'sville Ravens	0-0	2-0	2-1	Chile Sports v West St George	1-1
Dee Why v Nth Bankstown	0-2	2-0	2-0	Moorebank v Eastwood S/A	1-3
Dee Why v Belmore	4-3	1-3	3-1	Padstow Park v Pagewood	2-1
Bl'town Utd v Wollongong Utd	2-0	2-2	2-0		2-2
Nth B'town v Uni of NSW	3-2	6-1	1-1		

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

Nth Ryde v C'town City	0-0	1-1	2-3		
Bondi Marine v Liverpool Albion	4-0	2-1	0-2		
Gladesville Hby v Kingsford	3-1	6-0	K ft		
Queens Park E/S v C.S.I.	1-1	4-1	1-2		
Mt Druitt Town v Kingsford	10-0	14-0	K ft		
Bathurst '75 v Lane Cove Utd	2-0	4-0	3-0		
Baulkham Hills v Gladesville Hby	1-2	1-3	0-0		

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

Eastern Creek v Fairfield Kiev	3-3	2-0		
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NORTHERN NSW

A new champion appeared on the horizon after Central Coast ran out 3-0 winners over Tamworth City in the Northern NSW Soccer series.

Central Coast have taken a one point lead and have a game in hand over Weston, last year's premiers.

The big test for Central Coast will come next Saturday when they meet Adamstown Rosebuds while Weston travel to Whitebridge Park to face Highfield Azzurri next Sunday.

Weston were held to an exciting 2-2 draw by Lake Macquarie, a result which ended Lake's hopes of a

semi-final position.

A goal by Steve Couttes carried West Wallsend to a vital 1-0 win over Maitland and the four semi-finalists are Central Coast, Weston, Adamstown and West Wallsend.

RESULTS

LAKE MACQUARIE 2 (Caban, Parkes) drew WESTON 2 (Sweeney, Miller). WEST WALLSEND 1

(Couttes) bt MAITLAND nil.

CENTRAL COAST 3 (Corbett 2 Tait) bt TAM.

WORTH CITY nil.

ADAMSTOWN 2 (Turnbull, Bull, og) bt BEL.

MONT SWANSEA nil.

HAMILTON RED STAR 3 (True, Milosevic, Fenwick) drew HIGHFIELD

AZZURRI 3 (Lawrence, Avellis, Georgeff).

Saturday 21:

U10 U11 U12

Illawarra v Central Coast 0-2 1-0

Illawarra v Granville 1-2 0-2

FINAL PLACINGS: U10: Sydney 2) Bankstown

Sydney 1) Granville

Sydney 2) Bankstown

Sydney 3) Blacktown

U12:

Sydney 1) Nepean

Sydney 2) Illawarra

Sydney 3) St George

U11:

Sydney 1) Granville

KU-RING-GAI GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOLS CUP FINAL

Gateshead High (Newcastle) 2 (Meek, Bagwell) def Oxley High (Tamworth) 1 (Lambert) at Marconi Stadium

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th

KICK-OFF 3PM

KING TOMISLAV PARK
EDENSOR ROAD, EDENSOR PARK

THE BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

Early Matches:

Third Grade

Kick-Off — 11.30am.

2nd Grade

Kick-Off — 1.10pm.

BE THERE



STATE GIANTS INTO BATTLE

THIS Sunday the NSW State League premiership will be decided when the two top teams, Croatia and Melita, are pitted against each other at King Tomislav Park.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS



Croatia have been riding on a crest of a wave recently and are out to remain unbeaten at home this season and win the Championship.

Croatia coach Joseph Kuze is confident of victory.

"This is the match of the season for us. We are one point ahead of Melita and if we win on Sunday it will stretch to three with only Polonia and Yugal to face in the last two rounds.

"The boys are full of confidence being unbeaten in the last 10 rounds. In the first round we drew 0-0 at Melita Stadium but this time we have no injury problems and are ready to explode," Kuze said.

No doubt Croatia have a well drilled and stable line up and the battle between Melita's Paul Daley and Croatia's striker Graham Arnold could be the deciding factor. In the midfield Ray Farrugia and Billy Griffith should prove dangerous to the Croatia defence. On the

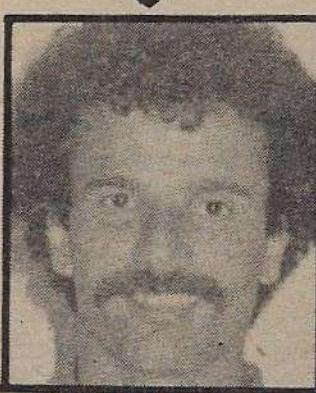
other hand Sterrey, Rezo and Alex Kovacic will be equal to the task.

Melita coach Raul Blanco feels that this match will prove to be the testing point between both sides.

"Both teams have an outstanding defensive record in only conceding 10 goals each. I respect Croatia's record and possibly we are regarded as the underdogs."

"We know we can't afford to drop a point this Sunday but you mustn't forget we have been unbeaten in 12 games. Our side will rely on a team effort with everyone having an equal duty to undertake. This is the major reason why we haven't let Croatia run away with the Championship," Blanco said.

This Sunday will no doubt produce the best game of Soccer seen in NSW State League for many seasons and with that the biggest crowd in a State League game can be expected.



DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	21	14	6	1	43	10	34
Melita	21	15	3	3	42	10	33
Blacktown	21	15	0	6	47	21	30
Manly	22	9	6	7	38	32	24
Sutherland	20	9	5	6	28	21	23
Ku-Ring-Gai	20	9	5	6	27	22	23
Inter-Monaro	20	8	6	6	30	27	22
Avala	21	8	6	7	26	29	22
Cant-M'ville	21	6	3	12	31	42	15
Yugal	21	4	7	10	18	35	15
Polonia	20	3	6	11	22	35	12
Bankstown	21	2	4	15	24	55	8
Auburn	21	2	3	16	19	59	7

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	21	16	5	0	58	14	37
Manly	22	14	4	4	56	26	32
Melita	21	11	7	3	30	34	29
Sutherland	19	14	0	5	53	16	28
Bankstown	20	11	6	3	43	24	28
Ku-Ring-Gai	20	10	7	3	44	21	27
Croatia	20	7	5	8	33	31	19
Avala	16	6	5	9	37	42	17
Auburn	21	6	3	12	28	44	15
Inter-Monaro	20	4	2	14	54	48	10
Cant-M'ville	21	4	1	16	27	52	9
Yugal	21	2	5	14	21	77	9
Polonia	20	1	4	15	12	58	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	19	10	7	2	30	14	27
Melita	20	9	8	3	42	20	26
Croatia	19	10	6	3	37	21	26
Manly	21	5	6	49	27	25	
Sutherland	17	11	1	5	36	18	23
Polonia	18	10	3	5	21	20	23

NSW TABLES

Blacktown	20	7	8	5	33	20	22
Bankstown	17	5	4	8	27	33	14
Ku-Ring-Gai	19	5	4	10	26	33	14
Avala	20	5	4	10	29	46	14
Auburn	19	4	4	11	21	37	12
Yugal	18	0	2	17	14	76	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	23	7	2	14	30	49	16
Blacktown Utd	22	6	3	13	28	52	15
Belmore	23	5	3	15	29	54	13
Dee Why	22	5	2	15	21	46	12
Uni of NSW	22	3	3	17	17	66	9

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	22	20	0	2	89	22	40
Penrith Utd	19	17	1	1	68	22	35
Uni of NSW	23	12	6	5	45	26	30
Dee Why	21	13	3	5	45	22	29
Gladesville	22	10	7	5	44	27	27
Parra City	23	11	4	8	41	35	26
Warr-N'been	22	8	4	10	36	47	22
Nth Ryde	20	7	4	9	50	43	18
Rockdale	23	7	4	12	27	49	18
Blacktown Utd	22	7	3	11	36	47	18
Belmore	23	7	3	13	31	40	17
Artarmon	23	5	3	15	44	76	13
W'gong Utd	21	3	5	13	27	50	11
Revesby Wrks	22	1	2	19	16	84	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	21	17	4	1	65	17	38
Gladesville	22	9	5	3	63	16	33
Warr-N'been	22	9	8	5	39	24	26
Penrith Utd	20	11	5	4	45	19	27
Parra City	23	12	3	8	43	45	27
Revesby Wrks	22	12	2	8	53	34	26
Nth Bankstown	21	10	5	6	44	29	25
W'gong Utd	22	10	5	7	46	42	25
Artarmon	23	8	2	13	38	63	18

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	21	13	6	2	43	14	32
Gladesville	20	11	5	4	49	25	27
Bondi Marine	20	10	7	3	47	26	27
Nth Ryde	21	9	7	5	31	25	25
Mt Druitt Utd	21	10	5	6	49	27	25
Queens Park	20	9	6	5	39	23	24
CSI	21	8	6	8	39	33	22
Baulkham Hills	20	6	6	8	27	28	19
L'pool Albion	21	5	6	10	21	21	16
Bathurst 75	21	4	5	12	26	39	13
Lane Cove Utd	20	3	3	14	20	52	9
Kingsford	18	1	4	13	16	90	6

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	20						

GOALIE GIVES IT AWAY!

JUVENTUS-PIONEER remains on top in Tasmania's Cadbury State League competition after briefly surrendering its lead to Rapid-Wrest Point. Rapid had hit the front for the first time this season after demolishing University 3-1 but Juventus' 3-2 defeat of Caledonians put things back into their proper perspective reports VAN DIEMEN.

Juventus almost faltered against Caledonians as goalkeeper Steve Craven had a game he will want to forget. Twice Eamonn Kelly, coach of Caledonians, took free kicks and twice Craven inexplicably dropped the ball at opposing forwards' feet.

Neither Roger Pillans nor Ian Parker could be-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	17	12	1	4	37	17	25
Rapid	17	11	2	4	32	21	24
Croatia	17	10	3	4	37	24	23
Olympia	17	8	5	4	42	26	21
Caledonians	17	6	4	7	35	30	16
Metro	17	4	5	8	23	31	13
University	17	5	0	12	24	52	10
White Eagles	17	2	0	15	18	47	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

15 Ian Parker (Caledonians)
14 Perry Forster (Olympia)

11 Peter Sherman (Olympia)

9 Neil Thomas (Croatia), Mark Oakes (Croatia), Bruce Ward (Juventus), Andrew Leszczynski (White Eagles).

8 Ronnie Di Felice (Juventus).

lieve their luck as they obligingly drove the ball home on each occasion to put Calies in front.

Although Di Felice and Ambrosino levelled for Juventus, it took a penalty from John Charlton to keep Juventus' nose in front at the final whistle.

Olympia had most of the play against White Eagles but missed several golden chances before Peter Sherman volleyed home in the 83rd minute to give the Greek side the victory it so desperately needed to give it an out-

Wrest Point again showed it will not relinquish its title without a fight. The win over University puts the champion in second place and well on course for the championship.

Coach David Crossan, Tommy Wilson and Mark Nikolai were the Rapid scorers while University hit back through Mark Shearman.

DETAILS: Rapid-Wrest Point 3 University 1, Croatia-Glenorchy 0 Metro-Clairemont 0, Juventus-Pioneer 3 Caledonians 2, Olympia 1 White Eagles 0.



Ian Parker (Caledonians) . . . currently top scorer in Tasmanian Cadbury State League and favourite for this year's Rothmans Gold Medal.

STH. AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

CAMPBELLTOWN will attempt another giant killing act on Saturday when they meet new League leaders Para Hills.

The Town shattered last week's leaders Croatia, 1-0 away from home, while Para hit Elizabeth 2-0 also away, to take over the table top on goal difference with two rounds to go.

Croatia have another hard game this weekend against visiting Beograd, who clung to third place with a 2-1 win over Birkalla.

Polonia, by downing bottom team Port 2-1 to doom them to relegation, slipped them to fourth spot and a possible place in the Coca Cola Top Four Cup.

Polonia visit Elizabeth, second bottom with 12 points this weekend.

Campbelltown is now eighth, one point out of the seventh spot which would ensure them a place in the summer Ampol Cup series.

Birkalla holds that vital place as they prepare to entertain Azzurri last year's champions who plunged to sixth place after a 0-0 home draw with West who drop out of the four into fifth spot.

Croatia and Para, are due to meet in the final round on Para's ground on Saturday week which could be a repeat of the 1981 League decider which saw Croatia take the title.

HUNTER HIT BY INJURY

TALENTED young Brisbane Lions stopper Alan Hunter will be sidelined for at least a month following a knee operation last week reports GREG RUSSELL.

Hunter, one of the finds of the season, required a cartilage operation after he injured his left knee in Lions' last home game against Wollongong.

Hunter was substituted midway through the second half and went into hospital late last week for his operation.

Lions officials recommended the most modern treatment possible in an attempt to have the big stopper back before the end of the season.

Hunter, a former Queensland youth player, has been one of the outstanding successes this season.

He was thrown into the team at the beginning of the year as a replacement for injured Col Bennett and has not looked back since.

He has proved a perfect replacement for the former Socceroo and is dominant in the air and gut-wrenching in the tackle. For a big man, Hunter is surprisingly skilful.

Lions have two options to replace Hunter until he recovers.

Former Heidelberg player Bob Vincent,

signed by Lions as a mid-

fielder, has previously

played stopper. Young

full-back Peter McClurg,

although lacking in

height, is a good tackler

and may also be tried.

Reserve team stopper

Andy Lee has also come

under consideration al-

though he could be third

choice after a far from

successful trial in the pos-

ition earlier this season.

QUEENSLAND

BY GREG RUSSELL

MOUNT GRAVATT and Ipswich United will contest the final of Queensland's Ampol Cup next month.

The two sides, in the top four of the Premier League and therefore set for a grand-final-cup double, qualified for the final after thrilling semi-finals at Perry Park.

Ipswich thrashed Grange Thistle 5-1 while Mount Gravatt played a seven goal thriller with Olympic before emerging 4-3 winners after extra time.

Mount Gravatt-Olympic was one of the best matches in Queensland for some time. It had drama, suspense and surprise.

Mount Gravatt, twice behind, scored two goals in the final minute of the first half and a last gasp equaliser two minutes from full-time to force the 30 minutes extra time.

The drama began only 20 minutes into the match when Olympic lost star midfielder Graham Wilson through injury. But the Greeks battled on and managed to score first through Alex Dick.

In the minute prior to half-time, former Townsville striker Jim

McIntyre found the net twice to give the Hawks an unexpected lead.

Olympic started the second half sensational and within two minutes were back in the game when Tom McGregor nodded in an equaliser. Dick got his second 17 minutes later to give Olympic what appeared to be a winner.

But two goals from Steve McNally, the former Elizabeth (SA) striker, one just before full-time and the other in the first half of extra time, put the Mounts into the final.

Grange Thistle could not have hoped to meet Ipswich at a worse time, immediately after the Coalminers had suffered a shock defeat to Sunnyside.

Ipswich were smarting from the loss and Thistle were unlucky victims of United's recoil.

Ipswich raced to a 2-0 lead with a goal from Bill Dann and an "own goal" by Mark Aponas before Thistle were awarded a

penalty which would have brought them back into the game.

Grange captain John Paterson steered his attempt on the crossbar and over the top.

Last year's Rothman's Medal winner Ken Swan raised Thistle's hopes with a goal after 62 minutes but Ipswich then moved into top gear and goals from Ron Millman, Bruce Penman and Alan Marszalek crushed the Thistle comeback and put United into their third final in four years.

In Premier League this week, Mount Gravatt have a tough preparation to the Cup Final the following weekend when they clash with rivals Thistle at Dittmar Park.

Irrespective of previous results or table positions, clashes between the two clubs are never for the faint-hearted and this weekend should be no exception. But on current form, the Mounts should win.

Ipswich have a slightly easier tie against the lowly Brisbane City, although after the Gladiators recent draw with Olympic they can't be underestimated.

Of the other leading teams, Olympic should have no trouble with Valley Trident while Lions have a tougher clash with Acacia Ridge. In other matches, North Star plays Taringa and Easts take on Sunnyside.

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IN A full round of matches in the Youth League this weekend, last gasp goals appeared to be the order of the day, with St George grabbing two (in the 45th and 89th minutes) to defeat Olympic 3-2 and Leichhardt scoring from the penalty spot (87th minute) to share the points with pace setters Sydney City 2-2. Whilst on Saturday the Newcastle Raiders slammed their visitors Canberra by 4-1, on Sunday down at Ziems Park, Corrimal the Wolves and Marconi fought out a dour scoreless draw.

At St George Stadium on Sunday there was plenty of action

Play was fairly even in the early parts of the match. During this period Olympic were only dangerous on breaks and generally found keeper St George keeper Mike Frazer in great form. However in the 35th minute Mark Koussas broke the deadlock when he scored from close range from a great cross ball from Terry Petalis on the right wing. 0-1.

Three minutes later he had two bites at the cherry when his first shot from six metres struck Mike Frazer's legs and as the ball bobbed around the six yard box he was on hand to cleverly net it once again. 0-2.

This goal brought more life into Olympic who now started to attack more but it was Saints who grabbed the goal before the break following a free kick which John Muskovits headed across the goal for Collaguiri to head home from close range. 1-2 half time.

St George came out in the second half determined to score and took control of the game again with Olympic once again relying on breaks out of defence. Following a disallowed goal for an infringement, Saints equalised through substitute Tony Donaskos. 2-2.

John Muskovits grab-

bed the winner for the Saints in the 89th minute when he cleverly turned inside the corner of the penalty box on the left and drove it into the top right hand corner of the net giving keeper Wilson no chance. 3-2.

At Lambert Park the lowly Leichhardt side continued to upset the 'Tall Poppies' by taking a point from the leaders, Sydney City, following the defeat they inflicted on second placed St George ten days ago.

The Slickers started off in their usual dominant fashion and went into the lead with a superb volley from Wayne Reader at the edge of the box after Bobby Catlin had failed to properly punch it clear. 0-1.

Ten minutes later the Slickers went further ahead with a great header on the run by Ean Rodrigues which flew into the top corner of the net from 10 metres following some excellent lead up work by Alex Bottalico and Michael Lynch. 0-2.

Tony Genovese brought the home side back into the game from the penalty spot in the 38th minute

In the 87th minute Leichhardt scored the equaliser once again from the penalty spot for a doubtful infringement by Michael Lynch. Tony Genovese once again converted from the spot.

BRISBANE PREPARES FOR SCHOOLS TITLES

THE 1983 Commonwealth Bank Secondary Schools Soccer Championships are gearing up to be a highlight of the Queensland school year.

Chapman Bonner, President of the Australian Schools' Soccer Federation, has already arranged to have the Minister for Education, the Hon. L. Powell MLA open the championships on Monday, August 29 at 9.45am.

Following the near collapse of the A.S.S.F. when Northern NSW was denied a place in the organisation, it was men like David Harris, Chapman Bonner (Queensland) and Secretary Kevin Peterson (Western Australia) who kept the Federation going.

It is to be hoped that State bodies will realise the value of the A.S.S.F. and give them some autonomy.

There are men in all Soccer states who have much to offer.

Some who readily spring to mind are Jim Armstrong and Bobby McLachlan, Victoria, Peter Dodd, South Australia, Phil Murray, Terry Hampton and Barry Kemp, Northern NSW amongst others.

At the moment their expertise is almost completely wasted.

Despite the fact that he is serving in Western Australia, Kevin Peterson has given top service to all states in his few years as secretary.

This year the Commonwealth Banking Corporation has generously agreed to sponsor the championships, a fact that has made Stewart Butler, the Vice President in charge of National Championships and Vice President in charge of Finance, Dave Sheridan very happy.

It has made their jobs just that much easier.

The Brisbane City Soccer Club has made available Spencer Park out at Newmarket for the A.S.S.F. to play their fixtures.



Here is the NSW Secondary Schools team for the National titles. They beat ACT in a warm up game 2-0 and their goals were scored by Ali Reda and Nick Papas. Given the strength of Canberra with three AIS players plus Hummel in the squad it was a great win.



The ACT Secondary Schools squad for the Australian Championships in Brisbane is, from left, back row: Les Bee (coach), Oliver McGready, Philip Janecewski, Kostas Livas, Andrew Bernal, Berto Pandolfo, Jason Dunn, Peter Desmond and Ali Yucl. Front row, left to right: Chris Hummel, Darren White, Claudio Ciuffetelli, Warren Spink, Mark Boyd, David Charlton, Vic Fernandez. Missing is Manis Lamond who was injured and absent when this photograph was taken.

PROGRAMME

DATE	TIME	TIME	BYE
Mon 29th August	10.00am	12.00pm	WA
	QLD v NSW	TAS v ACT	
	Shield Game also		
Tues 30th August	TAS v QLD	WA v NSW	ACT
Wed 31st August	WA v TAS	ACT v QLD	NSW
Thurs 1st Sept.	ACT v WA	NSW v TAS	QLD
Fri 2nd Sept.	9.30am	9.30am	
Spencer Park	NSW v ACT	QLD v WA	
Newmarket Club	Spencer Park		
	1.30pm		
	FINAL		
	B'bane C. C'house		
	3.15pm		

Australian team announced Sunday 4th September. The A.S.S.F. U/20's vs A.I.S. team as a curtain raiser to Brisbane City vs Footscray at 1.00 pm. Presentation of Trophies.

This year Canterbury and Districts SFA appointed their first Director of Coaching, and the choice went to John Tscheppera.

He has shown a lot of drive, which is not surprising considering his Yugoslav parentage and his familiarity with the rugged climate of Tasmania.

A schoolteacher by training, he obtained leave from the Tasmanian Education Department to take over the Canterbury job.

John allows that "swimming in the bigger pool" in Sydney has helped him learn more about Soccer,

and in turn he has stinted nothing to bring in as many new ideas as possible to increase the standard of Soccer in Canterbury.



HAPPY UMINA

NSW Amateurs' competition secretary Bill Cullinan received a welcome surprise when he attended the Umina Soccer Club's dinner at the Central Coast Leagues' Club in Gosford.

Club president N. Elkin and vice-president Brian Follett welcomed more than 400 people to the affair, which was conducted with a style that could only be envied by clubs of national standing.

The Umina brown-and-gold colours were everywhere, celebrating having twice taken out the Central Coast senior competition.

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BACK ROW: L to R: Jamie Parkes, Allan Gibson, Stephen Pack. CENTRE ROW: Andrew Greenwood, Mark Hutchison, David Carpenter, Peter Small, Darren Muir, Michael Guest, Brett Smythe. FRONT ROW: Brett Bowyer, Glen Kaiser (capt), Scott Considine, Mr. Ken Hastie (coach), Shane Verschelden, Troy Griggs, Gary Ellis. ABSENT: Mr Wayne Parkes (manager).

BELMONT HIGH TO MELBOURNE

BACK in August 1982 the Northern NSW Secondary Schools Soccer Federation brought the Victorian Eastern Independent School representative side to Newcastle for a series of matches, reports Bill Turner.

It was the Victorians first taste of interstate football.

Organisers on that tour were Mr. Jim Armstrong of Kingswood College and Mr. Rick Van Duppen of Aquinas College.

This year they have invited the Belmont High School Under 14 side down to play a series of

four games.

Last year the Victorians were billeted by the Belmont people for part of their stay.

The coach of Belmont High is Mr. Ken Hastie, who has had a distinguished career in school Soccer.

He took the Wallsend High School side through

to win the Tasman Cup in 1974, and had good success in the same competition with Waratah High before moving to Belmont.

He has also served on the executive of the Northern NSW Schools Federation. Mr. Wayne Parkes will manage the side.

The Belmont team will play: South Melbourne Juniors, September 5; Eastern Independent Schools Junior Representatives, Sept 7; Kingswood College, Sept 8 and Aquinas College, Sept 9.

BATHURST BONANZA

IT WAS fitting for Bathurst to win the Western NSW under 11 championships as the team will host the NSW State Championships in their grade at Proctor Park Bathurst on August 27 & 29.

It was Bathurst's year in the Branch Championships and Youth League.

Only the U13s did not go their way. Orange was successful in that grade.

This is the only crown coach Peter Cole has not won.

The tournaments were held at Blayney and Parkes. The U14 went to Bathurst 6-1 at the expense of Forbes. Mark Cooke and Wayne Comerford in midfield and forwards Michael Dale, Phillip Hotham and Anthony Jones were in top form.

Bathurst ran away from Dubbo to win the U12 5-2.

CASTLE CLIMB

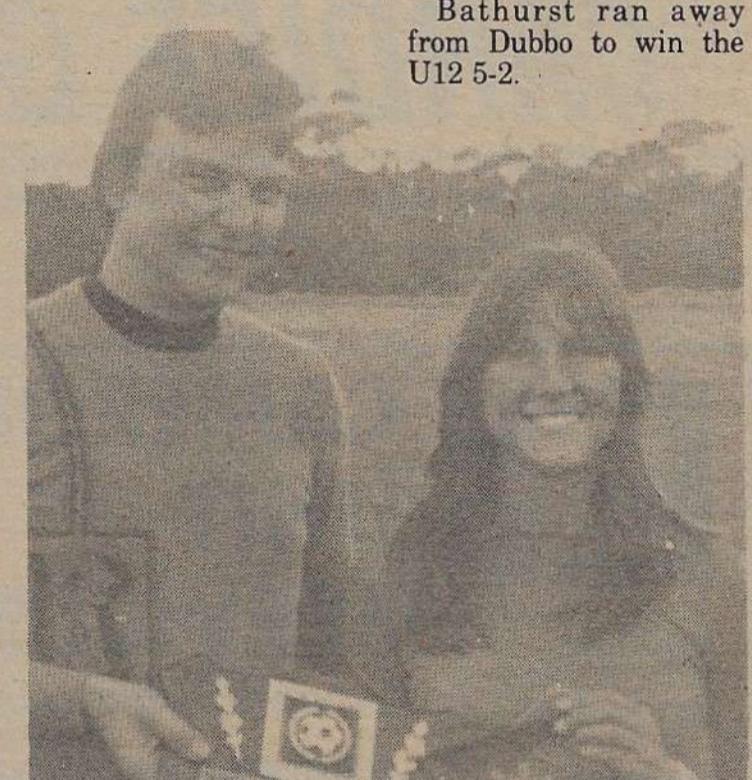
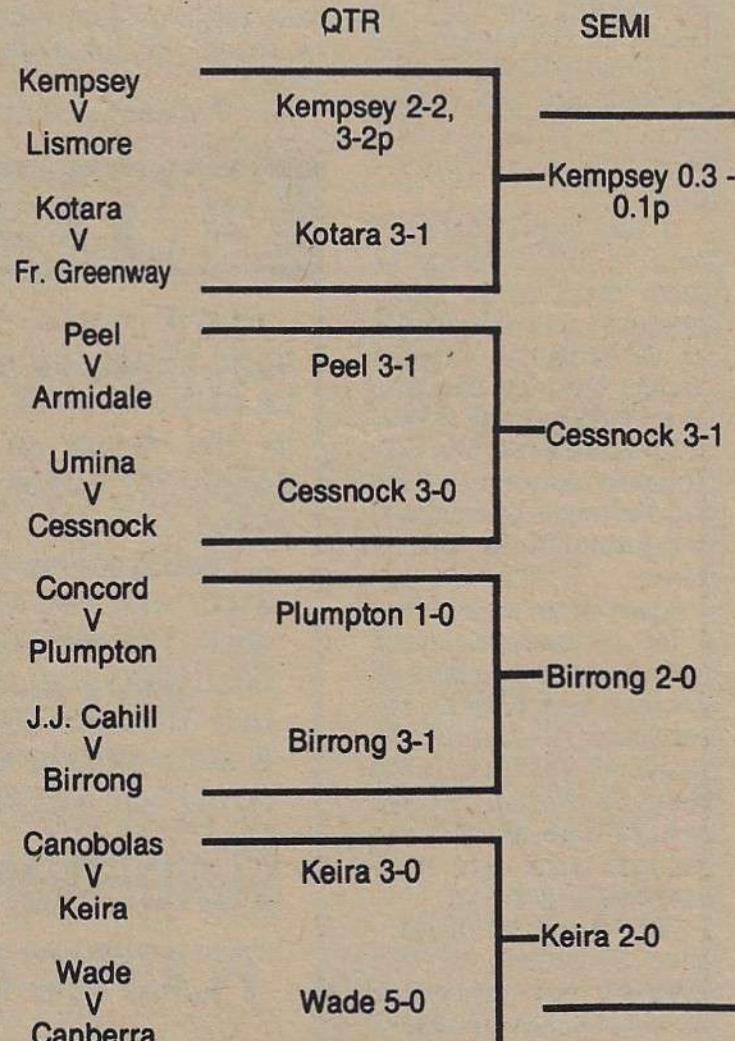


CASTLE HILL U14 team had a great season. Coming from the strong Granville Association, they ran through to the final of the NSW U14 State Cup and then defeated Epping YMCA, a strong Gladesville-Hornsby unit, 3-1 in the final.

'ANDY STRIKER'

YOUNG Andrew Pavlou is smiling over something. It happens to be that he scored 20 goals for St Spyridon U7 in the Southern & Eastern SFA. Seven of them came in the one game!

TURNER CUP ALL NSW SCHOOL U15



ROTH TO ROEX

MR RUDI ROTH presenting the "Roth Enterprises Shield" to Vicki Roex of Cardiff High School. Vicki was captain of the Cardiff girls' soccer team which lost the final of the "Rudi Roth Trophy" series to Gateshead High.

The match played at Ulinga Park, South Cardiff was rated as probably the best final in the six year history of the competition. Vicki, who is a top defender, had a great game in the final as Cardiff's goalkeeper.

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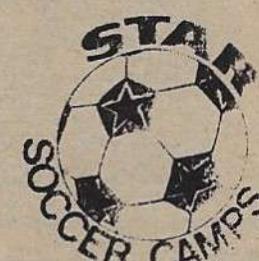
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BITTER-SWEET CARDIFF GIRLS

THE Cardiff High School "Rudy Roth Trophy" and "Ku-ring-gai Cup" girls Soccer team has had a bitter-sweet season in 1983.

The side managed and coached by Mrs Iris Green has had a steady build up

over the past couple of years.

However when the

news arrived that the format had been altered and that the two Hunter Reg-

ion finalists had to meet it was a big disappointment.

Instead of the planned, late July early August "Rudy Roth Trophy" final a rather hurried arrangement saw Cardiff and Gateshead meet at Ulinga Park, South Cardiff on Tuesday, July 5.

In defeat the Cardiff girls were awarded the "Roth Enterprises Shield", the runners-up award. It would only be speculation but local opinion suggests that they would have done well in the "Ku-ring-gai Cup" series.

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WARREN Bancroft, the coach of the North Coast side in the Inter-Regional CHS Girls Championships, was delighted with the effort of his team.

It was his first stint with girls Soccer and his side did well.

To beat Met-West 2-1, draw with Liverpool 1-1 and notch two goals against the Hunter machine made him very proud of his charges.

The cream on the top came when his clever striker Leanne Shipman was selected in the CHS team to play the A.C.T.

CENTRAL Coast U11 team has proved itself one of the best in NSW, and that is both in the North and the South.

The team took out the Northern NSW championship undefeated in a series that was played mid-season at Rushforth Park, Grafton.

The results, as supplied by reader H. Cooper, were seven wins and no losses, recording 25 goals to only six against.

This fine record was achieved against seven other Northern NSW centres, Newcastle, Hunter, Macquarie, New England, Richmond-Tweed, Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast.

In addition the team has performed extremely well as members of the NSW Youth League, in which they play against

the cream of Sydney Associations.

At time of writing only St George and Bankstown, two traditionally strong districts, bettered them in a 12-association strong Metropolitan Championship.

Runners-up in the Northern NSW titles was Macquarie from the famed Lake Macquarie Soccer area, with Richmond next.

Central Coast players come from the sea centred on Gosford, well placed between the Soccer centres of Sydney and Newcastle.

The U11 results over the entire series were: v Northern Rivers 8-1, v

Macquarie 4-1, v Hunter District 3-0, v Richmond-Tweed 2-0, v New England 3-1, v Newcastle 1-0, v Mid North Coast 4-3.

It is unfortunate that so little publicity reaches ASW from the Northern NSW championships generally.

Arising from the championships comes a report that Northern Rivers, with players from the Grafton and Maclean district on the famed Clarence 'Big River' country, operated in the championship in their own right for the first time.

Coach Colin Pound said that his team's matches had been a great experience. They lost all seven games, but of course any new area knows that it is impossible to start at the top and that results begin to come within a few years.

Grafton conducted a representative series only for the second time and in all entered six age grades.

The under 12s did better at the 'City of Lights' — Tamworth — where Hunter won out with Macquarie second.

FIJI ACCOLADE

THREE Gladesville-Hornsby Soccer Referee Cadets: Paul Gilbert, Paul Blackwood and David Pierens accompanied by two members of the branch Executive Mr Wes Oke and Mr Ron Beaumont (who is also State Secretary of the A.A.S.R.F. N.S.W. Division) recently returned home from a history making tour to Fiji. ▽



that he would continue to maintain the great friendships that have been established and do all he could to assist Fiji referees and Soccer.

This trip has been seen as the start of the development of much closer ties between Australian and Fijian referees. Mr Beaumont, the tour leader, said: "The trip could only be described a great success and that future trips would probably be sought by the Fijian people."

Mr Beaumont added

that he would continue to maintain the great friendships that have been established and do all he could to assist Fiji referees and Soccer.

He also acknowledged the assistance given by Dunlop Footwear, Attack Sportswear, Gladesville-Hornsby Soccer Association and members of the Gladesville-Hornsby Referees' Association for helping to make the trip possible.

— JIM SMITH

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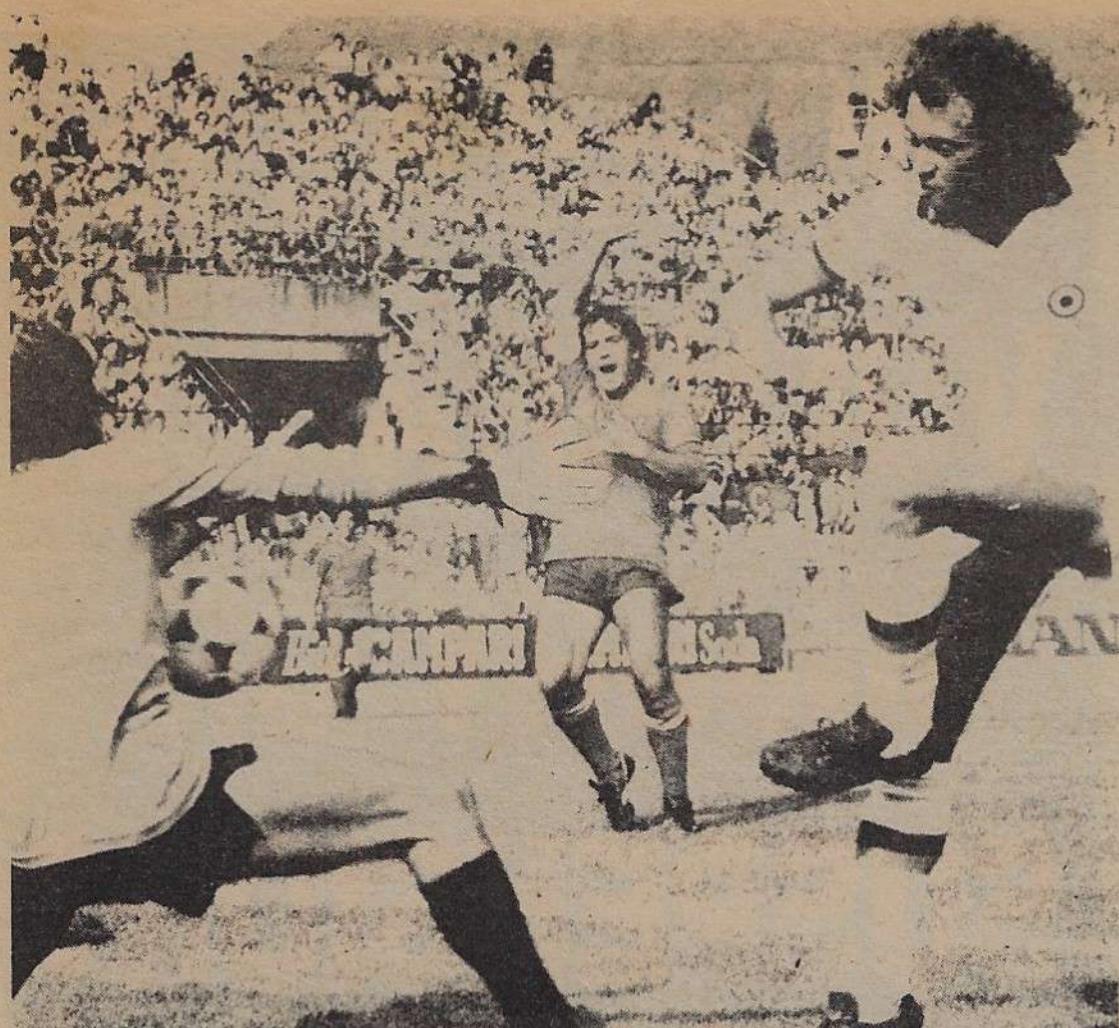
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Falcao (right), the highest-paid footballer in the Italian first division.

TOP COACHES SLAM THE WORLD CUP

EUROPE's outstanding coaches have been taking a long hard look at the running of the World Cup and they've sent out a list of questions to the various national Federations.

Some of the coaches involved are France's Michel Hidalgo, Enzo Bearzot of Italy and Jupp Derwall of West Germany.

These are genuine experts and their assessment of the 1982 World Cup in Spain should be compulsorily reading for the Soccer administrators.

Hidalgo asks: "Why is priority not given to the sporting aspects of the

France and West Germany, were stranded in airport lounges in the early hours of a morning before vital matches.

West Germany's Derwall asks: "Why not do away with the ceremonial opening and the third place play-off? Also the unpopular official banquet after the World Cup Final?"

The German boss also wants teams to have 11 players on the bench as



ENZO BEARZOT

World Cup rather than the financial? Why have afternoon games in a hot country?

Teams find it hard to produce quality football in the heat and one French player had sunstroke against England in Bilbao while two others had symptoms of it. This makes it physically dangerous.

Why only two footballs for the warm-up? Why were some games played in half-empty stadiums when all tickets were supposed to have been sold?

The French coach also wants to know why several teams, including

substitutes, though only two could play, of course. Derwall says: "We are allowed only five players from the 22-man squad on the bench. The remaining six have to sit in the stand with the public.

They feel like rejects, not part of the team. This causes controversy and ill-feeling."

We must hope FIFA and its member nations, accept the questions and suggestions put by this panel of experts.

The World Cup has become too big, too long, too weighed down with its galaxy of officials and administrators. A cut

ALAN HUDSON has been a star performer in the North American Soccer League for some time now but he is keen to finish his career in England.



MICHEL HIDALGO

FALCAO TOPS LIRA LEAGUE

ITALY remains the mecca for footballers from all over the world. At latest count, there were 32 foreigners with Italian clubs, 16 from Europe and the rest from South America.

Highest paid stars were, in order, Falcao (Roma), Krol (Napoli), Cerezo (Roma), Dirceu (Napoli), Zico (Udinese) and Platini (Juventus)

Falcao's basic salary is \$800,000 a year — and that's only part of his huge income.

England's Trevor Francis has to struggle through on \$250,000 annually.

ARGIES SKINT

ARGENTINA'S failures in several international tournaments have put Soccer in serious financial difficulty in that country.

Now there is pressure on clubs to sell their star players to inject some cash into the game.

This will seriously weaken Argentina's national championship, and cause more drops in crowd figures.

VOLLER DULL LUKIC SHINES

WERDER BREMEN'S 2-0 defeat of glamour English club Arsenal would have been much more humiliating if the German team's strikers had been able to shoot.

Ace goalscorer Rudi Voller had five easy scoring chances during the second half — and missed the lot.

New \$170,000 goalkeeper from Leeds United, John Lukic, was Arsenal's life-saver, play-

ing brilliantly as substitute for Pat Jennings.

In this match, by the way, ex-Celtic wizard Charlie Nicholas was substituted for the second time in two tour games.



GREMIO WINS IN SOUTH AMERICA

FINALISTS in the South American club championship were Penarol of Uruguay and Brazil's Gremio.

There were 65,000 spectators in Montevideo for the first leg which ended in a 1-1 draw — scorers being Tita of Gremio and Morena of Penarol.

Gremio won the return leg in Porto Alegre 2-1

and will now play Europe's champions, SV Hamburg, in Tokyo in December.

There was a strange incident in the Montevideo match. A linesman, Arturo Ithurralde, fell and

broke his leg and had to be substituted!

SANTANA A STAR IN SAUDI

MARINHO PERES, assistant coach to Tele Santana in Saudi Arabia, says Santana, Brazil's coach at the World Cup in Spain last year, is doing well and is extremely popular in Saudi.

Marinho expects Santana to stay in the Middle East for many years.

OVER SEAS



GOALIE QUILTS HONG KONG

HONG KONG has released one more of its English footballing exiles — former Spurs goalkeeper Barry Daines.

Daines has played for Bulova in the Crown Colony for the past two years.

He is anxious to get a club in England and at 31, still has plenty to offer. Daines spent 11 years at Spurs, most of the time as understudy to Pat Jennings.



REPRESENTATION in the UEFA Cup is based on previous results achieved by clubs from the various nations.

This season, England, Spain and West Germany will have the maximum representation of four teams each.

HUDSON TRIALS WITH CHELSEA

He could make a sentimental return to the first club he played for — Chelsea.

Hudson joined Chelsea as a 15 year old. He's now 32. He has been training with the club and will be offered terms if Chelsea rate him good enough to make a Football League comeback.

Hudson starred with Arsenal and Stoke City before switching to the USA where he was a big hit.

NATIONAL coach of Malaysia, based in Kuala Lumpur — that's the plum job offered to Frank Burrows, the former manager of English club, Portsmouth.

Burrows said "no thanks". Instead he accepted another offer, coaching the reserve and youth teams at Southampton.

SOUTHEND CHOP ENGLAND HERO

BOBBY MOORE appears to have all the credentials to become a top class team manager — but he can't get a job.

Moore's career has been more down than up since that great day when he skippered England to World Cup success at Wembley in 1966.

He has managed clubs like semi-professional Oxford City, Eastern of Hong Kong, and Carolina Lightning in the USA.

The unkindest cut of all came recently when Moore was chopped off the short list for the vacant Southend United managerial job.

You'd think a club like Southend would jump at the chance of hiring an England captain who played a record 108 times for his country and also had 632 League matches for West Ham and Fulham.

The London "Sunday People" wants to know if there is a jinx on former England skippers who take up management.

MORTIMER IS WANTED

LATEST target for ambitious Chelsea is Denis Mortimer, skipper of Aston Villa.

Chelsea have already spent nearly \$800,000 strengthening their side and made a significant signing when they grabbed Kerry Dixon from Reading for \$300,000.

Dixon was fancied by several top clubs.

Mortimer is interested in a move to Chelsea. "I expect to be talking to them soon although I'm in no hurry to move," he said.

BRADFORD SALVAGED

BRADFORD CITY, facing debts of \$700,000, almost went to the wall recently.

But a salvage operation was mounted by two Yorkshire business men, Stafford Heginbotham and Jack Tordoff, who put up nearly \$400,000 to



It lists names like Billy Wright, Jimmy Armfield, Emlyn Hughes and George Hardwick — all mighty international team leaders — who found the going in the boss's office pretty tough.

O'NEILL DEAL ANGERS CITY

MARTIN O'NEILL, captain of Northern Ireland, has decided to join Notts County from Norwich City and the move has angered Norwich.

Chelsea offered \$170,000 for O'Neill (31) but Notts made a bid of a paltry \$33,000.

O'Neill prefers to stay in the first division which is why he wants to sign for Notts County. The actual fee will be settled by a tribunal.



GUNNERS SIGHTS ON STRACHAN

WEST BROM WANT A WINGER

WEST BROM still seek a winger to provide the service Cyrille Regis needs to score goals.

They failed to land Scottish internationals John Robertson from Forest and Arthur Graham from Leeds United.

Now West Brom plan a bid for Ralph Milne of Dundee United, a player on the fringe of Scotland's international side.

DAVIES BREAKS A LEG

WELSHMAN Alan Davies was one of the



stars of Manchester United's F.A. Cup victory over Brighton but he won't be seen in United's colours for a long time.

Davies broke his left leg playing in a friendly fixture in Stamford and will miss the first two months of the new season.

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MANCHESTER UNITED had another Cup win over Brighton last week.

The two teams who met at Wembley twice last May, played a game for the Townsend Thoresen Cup and, as at Wembley, United emerged winners.

The score was actually 0-0 but the Manchester men took the Cup 4-3 on penalty kicks.

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NICHOLAS IS VULNERABLE, INJURY OR SUSPENSION?

CHARLIE NICHOLAS, Arsenal's big buy from Celtic, faces a fine or even suspension from his new club if he is injured in matches!



BIG BOB BOLD BID

LIVERPOOL and Sheffield Wednesday are in dispute about the value of goalkeeper Bob Bold.

This aptly-named goalie was transferred from Wednesday to Liverpool but the actual fee will have to be sorted out by a tribunal.

Wednesday rate Bold at \$400,000 but Liverpool think the figure should be a much more modest \$150,000.

BARHAM TARGET FOR WEST BROM

WHEN Mark Barham played for England against Australia in June, he hardly looked a world-beater — although some English critics said he was "one of the few successes of the tour."



Now Barham (24) seems set to move from Norwich City for a very big fee.

West Bromwich Albion believe Barham's crosses from the wing would net Cyrille Regis a load of goals. West Brom have made a bid for him.

"I've made offers for the two best wingers in England," said Ron Wylie, the West Brom boss. The other winger is Tony Morley of Aston Villa.

Barham gets a top assessment from Ken Brown, the Norwich manager who says: "He is one of the most promising players in the game."

At 24, shouldn't a player's promise be fulfilled?

FAGAN SPENDS

SINCE taking over as Liverpool manager, Joe Fagan has made two important signings.

He bought forward Gary Gillespie from Coventry City for \$300,000 and followed by getting Mike Robinson from Brighton for \$370,000.

Robinson agreed terms in a most unlikely place — in a room at Gatwick Airport near London just before Liverpool flew off for a European tour.

ARSENAL have been one of the main critics of sky-high transfer fees and payments to players but they seem to have changed their tune.

The Gunners outbid everyone to pay huge money to get Charlie Nicholas from Celtic.

Now they'd like to buy another enormously expensive Scottish international, Gordon Strachan of Aberdeen.

Strachan played well for Scotland in the World Cup in Spain and is valued at \$1,300,000.

Aberdeen don't want to lose him but, as most star Scots discover, they have to move to England to get the really big money.

SOUTHEND UNITED want to sign former Ipswich and England defender Kevin Beattie from Middlesbrough on a free transfer.

Middlesbrough, however, claim Beattie is still their player and they want a transfer fee